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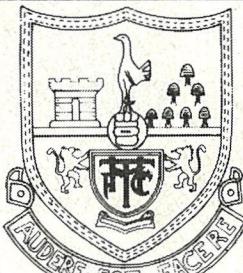


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VERDICT ON THE NEW ENGLAND

SECOND class citizens . . . Danish blues . . . Robson's lament . . .

England returned home from their first match under new manager Bobby Robson to a never-ending list of gloomy headlines in the papers.

Their performance in the European Championship opener against Denmark was as disappointing as the 2-2 scoreline.

But the England players 'Match' spoke to on their return were united in their views . . .

WE'LL GET IT RIGHT!



England skipper Ray Wilkins — "Not many teams who visit Denmark are going to return home with even one point."

WE'LL BANISH

'MATCH' SAYS . . .

ENGLAND'S new era didn't exactly dawn in Denmark.

The sun simply refused to shine through the clouds of doubt as England stumbled their way to a hollow draw with the unfashionable Danes.

So, instead of a glittering fanfare of trumpets and England blazing a trail of optimism and hope for the future, new manager Bobby Robson was left to ponder on the now familiar initiation greeting "So, what's new?"

Memories of those nightmare moments in Norway and Switzerland last year when England's World Cup hopes were balanced on a knife edge came flooding back as they tip-toed through a minefield of errors just to avoid further disaster.

Even accounting for the fact that Denmark were saved by an injury time equaliser, England's overall performance in Copenhagen hardly justified a point, let alone the prospect of a victory.

It was probably indicative of England's fumbly display that they should allow the Danes to escape at a stage when all doors to goal ought to have been securely locked.

It's hard to imagine major European forces like West Germany, Italy and Russia — the teams England hope to be spoken of in the same breath — allowing similarly charity, irrespective of the quality of their own performance.

So, after an encouraging World Cup Finals when England were seen to be restored as a world power, why did they struggle against a side not good enough to qualify for Spain?

Bobby Robson hardly stripped the side down to the bone. In fact, there were only three changes from Ron Greenwood's last team and two of those were forced.

But struggle they did, despite the platform of a Trevor Francis goal within seven minutes which should have paved the way for a confident and competent showing culminating in a vital win.

Instead the Danes provided most of the positive, skilful football and it often left the flimsy England defence in tatters.

Had the Danes' finishing matched their neat approach work, then England could well have been dead and buried long before Trevor Francis' second goal nine minutes from time.

England undoubtedly missed the defensive organisation of Liverpool's Phil Thompson and the ability of Manchester United's Steve Coppell to provide extra defensive cover on the right hand side when under pressure.

One wonders how long Liverpool's Phil Neal can resist the right-back claims of Nottingham Forest's Viv Anderson and Coventry's Danny Thomas.

And, if Robson is to persist with a wide man in the future, then surely Aston Villa's Tony Morley must be situated on his favourite left hand side where he has produced some devastating performances at club level.

Paul Mariner and Trevor Francis again showed signs that their new striking partnership could develop into a profitable one, but they require the right kind of service to achieve it.

Wouldn't it be exciting if there was another Trevor Brooking on the horizon or an English player with the perception and accuracy of an Arnold Muhren.

Perhaps Tottenham's Glenn Hoddle will shake off his enigmatic England personality to settle into that kind of role in the near future.

And perhaps too much was expected against a Danish side that contained nine full time professionals sufficiently skilful to earn their living in other European countries like Germany, Spain and Italy.

Whatever the reasons for England's stumble, Bobby Robson has inherited a few problems, more than possibly some people realised after the World Cup Finals.

There are still question marks hanging over two or three positions before England can think in terms of sitting shoulder to shoulder with the leading European nations.

But we're backing Bobby and the England team to get it right in the end.

NEW skipper Ray Wilkins remains unshaken in his belief that England can compete with the best in the world.

The Manchester United midfield star declared: "We've got the quality players and we'll be out to prove it later this month when we meet World Cup runners-up West Germany at Wembley."

"We've got to pick ourselves up and put up a better show than we did against Denmark. We just didn't do ourselves justice."

"We were very disappointed immediately after the game because we knew we should have won. To concede a goal in the last minute was a real sickener."

"But unlike many people we knew the Danes would be no pushovers. They've notched up some impressive results over the last year — including a 3-1 win over Italy."

"The fact that nine of the side which faced us play for top clubs sides in Europe shows how strong they are. We expected a hard game and that's just what we got."

"They are confident in possession and looked very dangerous in front of goal. Their keenness to attack made it very difficult for us to play and we spent much of the time closing them



What a start! Graham Rix leaps in celebration as Trevor Francis (partly hidden, on ground) gives England the lead after seven minutes . . . but the joy was to be short-lived.

THE DANISH BLUES

down.

"Not many teams who visit Denmark in the European Championships are going to return home with even one point. So in that respect a draw is a good result for us."

"Although they gave us a rough time in Denmark I've no doubt that we can beat them in the return at Wembley."

Ray believes that the players were under extra pressure before the Denmark game because it was Bobby Robson's first match in charge following the retirement of Ron Greenwood.

"Everyone was a little more tense than usual. It was a big game and the players were keen to play well and impress the new boss."

It was Ray's first game as England skipper and he admits: "Even though I've played 54 times for my country I was still more nervous than usual."

"But I don't find the extra responsibility of being captain a burden — in fact I thoroughly enjoyed the experience," adds Ray.

"Even though it would have been great to have got Bobby Robson's reign as England manager off to a winning start I was happy with a draw."

"The new manager obviously has his own ideas and way of handling things and it will take time for us all to settle into the new regime."

Arsenal left-back Kenny Sansom believes that, in many ways, England were lucky to get a draw against Denmark.

"I felt that they played well

enough to win. Although I knew before the game what a good side they were I was surprised at their skill.

"After Trevor Francis had scored in the seventh minute I thought we were going to coast home, but the Danes must be given a lot of credit for the way they battled back."

"We even looked as though we were going to sneak it until midfielder Olsen scored a great equaliser less than a minute from the end."

"It's the worst thing in the world to concede a goal so late. You've just got no chance of getting it back."

"Even though it was a disappointing England performance the players were pleased with a point in the end."

"If the Danes play like that against anyone else they'll win by a hatful of goals."

Aston Villa winger Tony Morley, desperate to establish himself as an England regular, pleads not to be judged on his performance against the Danes.

Tony, who was recalled after missing the World Cup trip to Spain, says: "It would be unfair to judge me on that performance."

"At Villa I normally play on the left wing, but I was asked to operate on the right for England which made things difficult for me."

"I've got a great understanding with Villa players on the left side of the field so it made quite a big difference to play on the other wing."

"But while I would have preferred to have been on the left, to play for your country in any



The strain shows on the faces of coach Don Howe (left) and manager Bobby Robson in Denmark.

position is an honour."

"I wasn't happy with the way I played, but there are other players in the side who must have felt that they could have done better as well."

"Apart from goalkeeper Peter Shilton and two-goal Trevor Francis, no-one else can say they were pleased with their performance."

"I was very impressed by Denmark. Their performance showed just how the gap has narrowed in international football."

"Ten years ago teams like England could expect to go places like Denmark and win by a lot of

goals. That's not the case anymore. The smaller nations are catching up fast."

"I don't see any need to panic however. With a new manager in the hot-seat it's bound to take time to settle down. There are always going to be a few hiccups."

"For my own part I've got my sights on a place in the squad for the game against West Germany. I've got to prove to the new manager that I'm worth another chance."

● *Don't miss the exclusive verdict of 'Match' columnist Graham Rix on Page 9.*

Charlie goes north

WANDERING star Charlie George has gone north of the border in search of more fame.

The former Derby, Southampton, Chelsea and Arsenal striker has joined Scottish Premier League side Dundee United on a month's loan.

ENGLAND'S Trevor Francis couldn't have wished for a more auspicious start to his League career in Italy.

For Trevor and Eire skipper Liam Brady were key figures as Sampdoria toppled reigning champions Juventus 1-0 on the opening day of the Italian League programme.

It was particularly sweet for former star Brady who was released by Juventus at the end of last season to make way for Michel Platini.

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MANCHESTER United's early season form has already convinced goalkeeper Gary Bailey that his team are on the Championship trail.

"We're making so many chances this season and, although we lost 3-1 at West Brom, it was our recent 2-1 home win over Everton that convinced me that we're really on the right track," says the England Under-21 international.

"Last season we would probably have scraped a draw against Everton, particularly when they equalised... but now we know we are good enough to score the winner even when things aren't running for us."

But for one United player, the world is not looking as rosy as it did a few months ago.

The player concerned is 19-year-old striker Scott McGarvey, who came to prominence last season when Garry Birtles was out of the side.

The youngster, once described by former United youth coach Syd Owen as 'one of the finest prospects I've seen and a certainty to be capped by Scotland, has seen 17-year-old Norman

Whiteside steal all the limelight following Birtles' transfer.

Now Scott is back in the reserves with new signing Peter Beardsley also knocking on the door of the first team.

"Things change so quickly in football and things may look a bit difficult for Scott at the moment, but he must battle away," says manager Ron Atkinson.

"I've talked things over with him and assured him that he has a future at Old Trafford. The fact that I gave him a new three-year contract last season should tell him that."

HAMMERS' TARTAN INFLUENCE

IT'S not just coincidence that two of West Ham's latest signings are both Scotsmen.

The signing of Airdrie striker Sandy Clark as a replacement for David Cross followed closely on the heels of the capture of young defender Neil Orr from Morton.

"I have always felt Scottish players add something to England sides," says West Ham manager John Lyall, who also signed full-back Ray Stewart from the Scottish Premier League.

"If you look at the successful sides of recent years, like Liverpool, Nottingham Forest, Tottenham and Arsenal, they've all had a Scottish influence."

"Players in Scotland possess a flair and attitude which does well down here. If Sandy proves to be as good a signing as the other two, it'll make a great hat-trick for us."



Luton full back Kirk Stephens gets his team-mates in the picture (from the left) David Moss, Jake Findlay (with the commemorative video), Richard Money and Brian Horton.

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Luton have it taped!

FIRST Division new boys Luton received high praise from Liverpool defender Mark Lawrenson after their battling 3-3 draw at Anfield.

"It was like playing Liverpool all over again," says the Republic of Ireland defender.

"They taught us a lesson in the second half, knocking the ball around and supporting each other, which is the Liverpool way."

"It felt at time as though we were facing 14 players."

In that Anfield game, Luton skipper Brian Horton chalked up his 500th League appearance.

Meanwhile, Luton have produced an hour-long video tape to commemorate their promotion to the First Division.

The tape, produced in conjunction with Wallspan Fitted Bedrooms, includes most of the action from the important Second Division clashes last season. It retails at £29.95.

WATFORD BOOST

FIRST Division new boys Watford have secured a three-year sponsorship agreement with Iveco, Europe's truck and bus giant.

Iveco also sponsor last season's European Cup finalists Bayern Munich and Italian side Avellino.

Meanwhile, Watford have produced an official yearbook, priced £1.00, which incorporates the history of the club together with a fascinating verdict on each player from manager Graham Taylor.

LATCHFORD BOBS UP WITH A HAT-TRICK

SWANSEA striker Bob Latchford collected his twelfth hat-trick in twelve seasons of League football in the 4-0 crushing of Norwich.

The former England forward always seems to manage the feat in the opening weeks of the season.

Last term he chalked up a trio on his debut for Swansea in the 5-1 thrashing of Leeds on the opening day.

But big Bob didn't have the privilege this time of grabbing the first hat-trick of the season in Division One.

That honour went to Luton new boy Paul Walsh in the 5-3 defeat of Notts County... by a matter of 15 minutes.

The 19-year-old completed his trio in the 67th minute, while Latchford had to wait until eight minutes from time for his third against Norwich.

● Steve Elliott, a record £95,000 Preston signing from Forest nearly three years ago, scored the first League hat-trick of the season in his club's 3-2 opening day win over Millwall.

'I'M HEARTBROKEN'

— STEVE KINDON



ALTHOUGH Third Division defences may be breathing a sigh of relief, the news that the playing days of former Wolves and Burnley favourite Steve Kindon were over came as a sickening blow to Huddersfield fans.

He missed most of last season with cartilage trouble, an injury that got progressively worse and spelt the end of his career.

But Steve hasn't been lost to Huddersfield because he has stayed on as the club's promotions manager.

For Steve, whose three-club career spanned more than 350 appearances and 100 League goals, retirement is difficult to accept.

"I've always played with a passion. I probably know more about Huddersfield's history than most of the supporters. Equally so about Burnley and Wolves," he says.

"The game is a passion to me. I read avidly books about my clubs, trying to find more about their history. I live and breath the game.

"The fact that I can't play any more is heartbreaking. I watch several games a week and if it is Huddersfield, I want to kick every ball for them.

"I'm still involved with the club and seek the players each day and know that the lads are trying so hard to do well. I just want to be out there with them."

Steve's career began way back in 1968 when he made his debut for Burnley against

West Ham at Upton Park.

"In that West Ham side were Bobby Moore, Martin Peters, and Geoff Hurst, who I had cheered two years earlier as England lifted the World Cup.

"However, we lost 5-0 that afternoon and I was left out of the side for two months.

"My second match, which was my home debut, was against West Ham. we won 3-1 and I scored and set up one of the other goals.

"I never looked back from that moment."

Now Steve, a £55,000 buy from Burnley three years ago, is enjoying his new role as commercial manager at Leeds Road.

"It's a new chapter in my life and I have turned the page over from being a professional footballer.

"At the moment, my leg won't stand up to everyday training but I do enjoy coaching and have always been involved with an amateur club.

"Perhaps, in the future, it might be a direction that I will eventually take."

Above — A Kindon cracker... Steve heads home for Huddersfield against Sheffield United.

MATCH CHAT

Compiled by Melvyn Beck

Alan asked for more goals . . .

ALAN Devonshire, West Ham's England midfield player, is determined to cause a lot more bother this season — to First Division goalkeepers, that is!

Says Alan, who scored only once in 35 games last season: "I've talked it over with manager John Lyall and we're both agreed that I should get into the box a lot more instead of being content to do my work outside for others to benefit.

"Eight or nine goals from someone like me could be of immense value to the side at the end of the season."

Howard takes over

HOWARD Wilkinson has taken over team affairs at Notts County from Jimmy Sirrel.

Sirrel, who lifted County back into the big-time last season, has been appointed club manager.

Earlier this season, Wilkinson, one of the England coaching staff, rejected the chance to manage West Brom because he wanted to continue building County into a forceful club.

● TOTTENHAM'S appearance at Wembley in this season's Charity Shield was their seventh in just 15 months.

In those games — two Charity Shields, four FA Cup Finals, including two replays, and one League Cup Final — they attracted a combined attendance of 656,500 with fans paying a staggering £4,273,000 in gate receipts.

● TREVOR Morris, 62, is to retire after 12 years as secretary of the Welsh Football Association, who announced a profit of £64,000 for last season, almost double the previous year's total.

LEONARD'S LINK-UP

DEFENDER Carl Leonard, one of ten players released by Second Division Shrewsbury at the end of last season, has rejoined the club on a one-year contract.

The change of heart has occurred now that he has received the all-clear on spinal injuries that threatened his career.

● THERE'S nothing like setting an example to your players. Ask former Stoke stalwart Denis Smith.

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VAN BREUKELEN'S PLEA TO FOREST FANS:

'GIVE ME A CHANCE'

FORMER teacher Hans van Breukelen was soon being taught a few harsh facts himself following his surprise transfer to Nottingham Forest.

As if taking over in goal from England number one Peter Shilton wasn't challenge enough, his first two away games saw him concede eight goals.

And the Dutch international admits: "I had never conceded eight goals in two matches before and it was not a very pleasant experience."

His first four-goal blast came at the home of League Champions Liverpool — Forest going down 4-3.

But says Hans: "It was marvellous to play at Anfield. A lot of players would be nervous playing in front of the 'Kop' but it really felt good with so much atmosphere inside the stadium.

"It was almost the same in my next away match at Villa Park.

"The unhappy part is that we conceded four goals in both games and that does not look good from my point of view.

"But I knew in my own mind that I didn't play as badly as the scorelines indicated, even though I can understand people looking at the results and thinking Forest have problems in the goalkeeping position.

"I know it will take me time to settle down properly and produce my best form, but I will do my best and I enjoy working hard in training."

Twenty-five-year-old Hans knew exactly what he was letting himself in for when he signed for Forest.

He admits: "I realised what it would be like taking over from Peter Shilton.

"He is one of the best — if not the best — goalkeepers in the world and whoever took his place was going to find it difficult.

"He was a very popular player and the supporters were unhappy to see him leave for Southampton.

"Even before I came to England, I was a very big admirer of Shilton myself.

"He has a big reputation abroad because he has been at the top of his profession for so long.



New Forest goalkeeper Hans van Breukelen — "Whoever took over from Peter Shilton was going to find it difficult and I just hope the fans give me a chance."

"But, in time, I hope the supporters can say: 'Peter Shilton was a great goalkeeper but Hans van Breukelen is good too'."

"I just hope the fans give me the chance to prove myself."

Hans got his chance to prove his worth in Forest's 2-0 home win over Watford — saving a penalty from Luther Blissett.

And his £165,000 transfer from Utrecht meant more than just the chance to establish himself as Peter Shilton's successor at Forest however.

Says Hans: "For the last two years, I have wanted very much to try my luck in English football and I was delighted when Forest showed an interest.

"I had resigned myself to staying in Holland for another year and had actually signed a one-year contract before Forest came to watch me.

"I like the style of English football and the game over here has so much to offer."

Hans was a teacher by profession in Holland — being classified only as a part-time footballer.

But having made the switch to English football, he sees teaching taking a back seat for several years to come.

And his new manager Brian Clough is confident that Hans, capped nine times by Holland, can go to the top of the class . . .

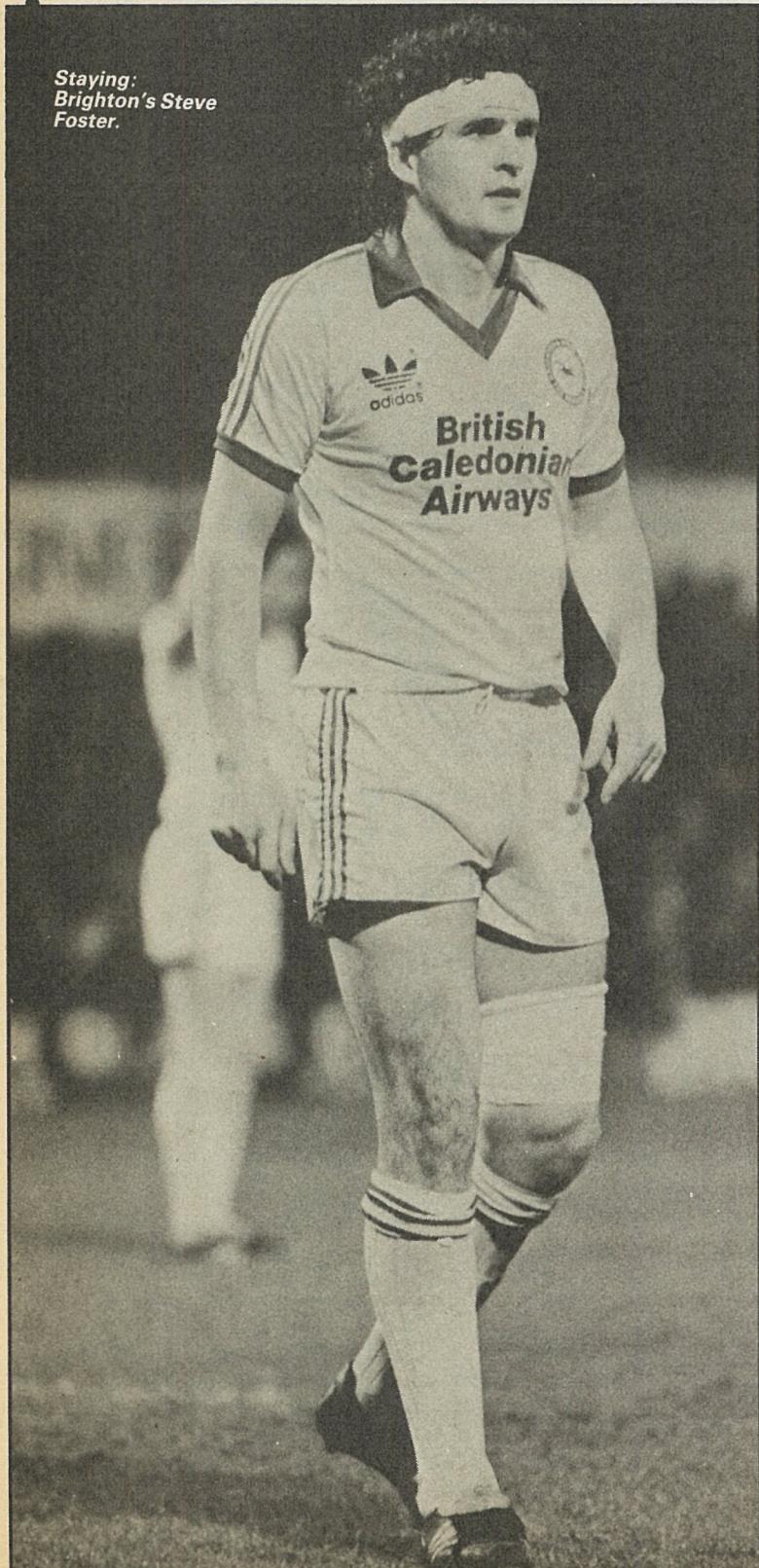
"I've got every confidence in him and I'm sure he will be around here for a long time after I've gone."

SPOTLIGHT on one of the five players axed by new England chief Bobby Robson... and his determination to fight his way back into international recognition.

FOSTER'S FIGHT!

'I'll prove I'm good enough for England'

Staying: Brighton's Steve Foster.



STEVE Foster claims he has "no regrets" about the wages demand which may have cost him a vital early chance to establish himself in Bobby Robson's new-look England squad.

The Brighton central defender asked for more money when he returned home from World Cup duty.

But it led to a dispute with Steve going on the transfer list.

And to add salt to his wounds, he was one of five players who got the chop when the squad was named for England's European Championship opener against Denmark.

He's since settled his differences with Brighton and declared his intention to stay at the Goldstone Ground.

But, looking back, he says: "Manager Mike Bailey wouldn't play me while I was up for sale and there was no way the new England boss was going to include me in his squad if I wasn't in the Brighton first team.

"I don't regret asking for more money, however. I felt I deserved a rise," says Steve, who joined the South Coast club from Portsmouth for £130,000 in July 1979.

"I was in the third year of my contract and I had played for England. I felt if I didn't get a rise then, I never would.

"The club told me they couldn't afford to pay me more so I asked to go on the transfer list.

"But I didn't enjoy sitting around in the reserves. It wasn't doing me or my game any good and I realised I had to get back to first team action as quickly as possible.

"Playing in the reserves really brings you down to earth. It's so hard to motivate yourself in front of such small crowds."

Following wins over Arsenal and Sunderland, Mike Bailey refused to split up the

Stevens-Gatting partnership in the centre of the Brighton defence.

And while Steve obviously needs to string together some good first team performances to stand a chance of an England recall, he says: "There was no way the manager could change a winning side and I understood that. It's up to me to stake my claim again.

"I certainly don't see being missed out of the last England squad as the end of my international career.

"I'm determined to play for my country again and it's up to me to prove I am good enough."

Steve was a surprise inclusion for England's World Cup party and he made one appearance in Spain — in the 1-0 victory over Kuwait.

"I was very grateful for the chance and I thoroughly enjoyed the experience," he told 'Match'.

"I'm sure I've returned a better player. My overall game and attitude has improved," says Steve who made his international debut against Northern Ireland at Wembley last season.

Steve's shock decision to seek a move from Brighton coincided with a transfer request from team-mate Mike Robinson.

Eire striker Mike was quoted as saying the club lacks ambition and doesn't want to win trophies, but Steve disagrees.

"Mike's dispute with the club had nothing to do with mine. They were two completely different issues.

"I wouldn't be staying at Brighton if I didn't think the club was capable of winning honours."

Brighton have made an indifferent start to the new season. The team won only two of the opening six matches.

But says Steve: "Although we are at the wrong end of the First Division at present, I don't see any need to panic. It's early days."

DOOMED!



BEWARE Birmingham, Southampton and Ipswich! For at least one of them will be relegated this season if history is repeated.

Those three clubs filled the bottom places in the First Division after five matches.

And in the last seven seasons, at least one of the relegated clubs was in the 'dropping zone' after just five fixtures — despite strong claims that League tables are misleading so early in the campaign.

In fact, all three of last season's relegated clubs — Leeds, Wolves and Middlesbrough — were in the bottom three at the same stage last term.

And in the previous season, two of the relegated teams — Crystal Palace and Norwich — occupied similar positions near the bottom after just three weeks' of action.

It's hard to visualise Southampton and Ipswich as relegation candidates after being among the country's most successful clubs last season.

But greater names, like Tottenham and Manchester United, have learned in recent years that they have no divine right to be in the First Division.

Birmingham, on the other hand, fought a relegation battle for most of last season, and their early season chapter of disasters does suggest another grim struggle.

But new goalkeeper Jim Blyth, who conceded 14 goals in one nightmare spell of three games, believes the 'Blues' can pull themselves clear.

"There's no reason to panic at the moment because I feel we have the quality in the squad to get out of trouble," says Jim, signed on a free transfer from Coventry in the close season.

"The main problem has been the lack of a settled

Left: Jim Blyth — "It's stupid to talk of relegation after just five games."

PEOPLE say it's impossible to predict who will be relegated so early on in the season, but an exclusive 'Match Weekly' survey proves otherwise...

side because one or two players haven't been doing the job that was asked of them.

"The manager will chop and change until he gets eleven players out there who are going to do everything that is asked of them.

"But it's stupid to talk of relegation after just five games. I'm sure it won't be long before we are climbing away from the bottom of the table.

"I would be more worried if my own form was suffering. But only in one of the games, the 5-1 hammering at Norwich, have I not been satisfied with my own performance."

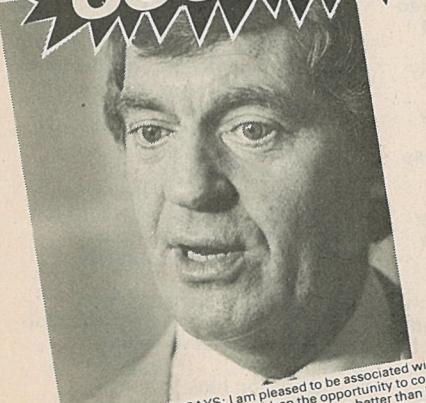
The table below gives you a season-by-season guide to those clubs who were finally relegated after finding themselves in the bottom three after five matches:

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1979/80	Derby.
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THE GRAHAM RIX COLUMN: The Arsenal midfielder reveals the dilemma facing him at international level and gives his frank verdict on England's latest performance.

ON TRIAL

I FEEL as though I'm on trial every time I pull on an England shirt.

I know I can play a lot better for my country but, for some inexplicable reason, I haven't been able to reproduce my Arsenal form at that level.

I know I'm good enough to be in the team, but it's a question of playing with the same kind of confidence and arrogance I show every week for my club.

It may be something to do with the pressure of attempting to establish myself in the England team, knowing that players like Tony Morley, Alan Devonshire and Dave Armstrong are waiting to step into my shoes.

Probably Glenn Hoddle feels the same way when he plays for England. Everyone expects a super show from him every match, but it's not always possible.

I'm too content to play the safe ball and take the easy way out instead of dominating situations and creating chances like I do with Arsenal.

For example, in the last minute at Denmark, with England hanging on to a 2-1 lead, I completely wasted a centre behind the goal, when at Arsenal I would have probably dwelt on the ball and kept possession in order to waste a few more minutes.

I showed English fans what I can do in the game with Holland at Wembley last season, when, as a second half substitute, I clinched my place in the World Cup Finals squad.

But while I was generally satisfied with my first half performance in Denmark, after half-time I was never really in the

picture.

In fact, we were 'under the cosh' for seventy per cent of the game against an impressive Danish team, and only goalkeeper Peter Shilton saved us from defeat.

It was only spirit and determination which earned us a point in the end.

I think people over here underestimated the strength of the Danish side. Most of their players are based in Germany, Italy and Spain and possess good technique and ability.

If they continue to reproduce that form during the rest of the qualifying tournament, then there won't be many teams return with anything from Copenhagen.

If you draw away from home and win your home games then you should win the Championship, and that's how we must look at that Danish result.

We know we can play a lot better, but at the end of the day we might look upon that point in Denmark as a vital one.

I was impressed with the passion of new England manager Bobby Robson and the spirit throughout the whole of the two England squads that made the trip.

Bobby kept the same kind of style and pattern, telling us that we knew more about international football than he did at the moment.

But it could be that he might develop his own style in the future, starting with the prestige friendly

against West Germany at Wembley later this month.

I don't imagine too many changes in the squad will be made, at least I hope not, because he will be out to get some kind of continuity with another tough European clash in Greece coming up next month.

That will be just as testing as the Denmark game, particularly in front of a hostile crowd, which can be quite a frightening experience.

From a club point of view, successive 2-0 victories over Coventry and Notts County gradually lifted us away from the bottom of the table.

We had a few ear-bashings before the Coventry game regarding our application, and the lads rolled up their sleeves and worked hard to achieve the 2-0 win at Coventry.

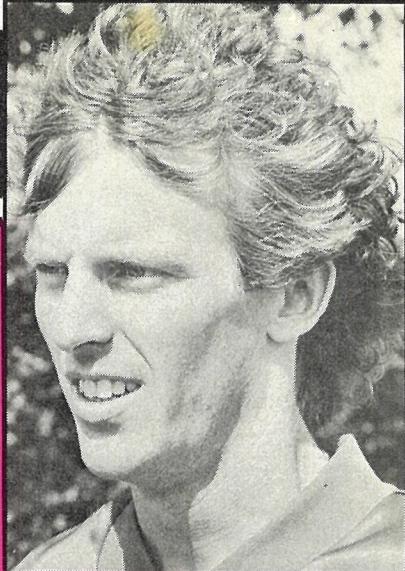
In the home clash with County, we should have won far more comfortably than 2-0, particularly as the second goal didn't come until the last minute from a John Hollins penalty.

We've decided to play to our strengths at Arsenal, even if it means being labelled a boring side — a criticism we totally resent.

We feel that if we are successful, then hopefully the fans will come and watch us.

There's no point in adopting a 4-3-3 formation and trying to force a game when it's not on and lose as a result.

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Milk Cup clash with Third Division Cardiff sandwiched between tough League matches at home to West Ham and away to Ipswich.

With those two games following the visit to Manchester United, we'll have met three quality sides on the trot and that will give us a good gauge as to our progress.

I know Ipswich are struggling at the moment, but they have too many good players to stay down there for long.

They've got a lot of ground to make up, and I don't think they can win the title, but they will be there or thereabouts at the end of the season.

Cardiff will be something of an unknown quantity for us at Highbury in the first leg of our Milk Cup clash.

It may take us twenty minutes or so to get accustomed to their style.

We would rather play the first leg at Ninian Park, where it doesn't matter if we are level at the end of the day.

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The face of Luton 'keeper Jake Findlay tells its own story as he falls to the ground clutching his side before being stretchered out of the clash with Liverpool at Anfield.

Mama mia! Sampdoria's Dario Bonetti (left) feels the full force of Antonio Cabrini's tackle in the recent Italian League clash which ended in victory for England striker Trevor Francis's Sampdoria side.



Phew! New Sheffield United striker Alan Young (above) sits this one out as he receives treatment for a bad knock.

Left: Agony for big Manchester City goalkeeper Joe Corrigan as he's led off the pitch after dislocating a shoulder as he dived to save from Watford's Nigel Callaghan after just three minutes of the Maine Road clash.

CHRIS Jones' "dream" move to Manchester City ended a nightmare two years.

Two crippling injuries left striker Chris the forgotten man of White Hart Lane as Garth Crooks and Steve Archibald exploded onto the scene with devastating impact.

But joining City in the close season has rekindled his determination to become a First Division force once more.

"I'm on a year's contract and really enjoying myself. The spirit here is fantastic," Chris told 'Match Weekly'.

His big comeback chance came earlier than he had dared hope — on the third Saturday of the new season.

An ankle injury to David Cross led to him making his



Trevor Francis — he was transferred from Manchester City to Italian club Sampdoria in the close season and Chris says: "There's no way you can replace a player like him."

TWO YEARS OF TORTURE

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debut for his new club . . . at Tottenham!

"The Spurs' fans gave me a good welcome and I really enjoyed the game although it was a funny feeling playing against my old mates.

"I wasn't sure which team to pass to at first!"

City won 2-0 with both goals coming from another new boy, Graham Baker.

And a champagne return was the least Chris deserved after his two years of torture.

"Those last two years at Spurs were a nightmare — so bad it's difficult to describe. I just didn't know what to do with myself," he says.

"It was worse for my wife and family because they couldn't be expected to understand what I was going through."

Chris's problems began with an injury to his right ankle.

"It was so bad it needed an operation, but almost as soon as that cleared up, a knee ligament slipped keeping me out for another six months."

But his only problem now is reaching full fitness.

"I wasn't attached to a club during the summer so I missed all the pre-season work and my early weeks at Maine Road have been spent building up my stamina more than anything."

Of his decision to quit Tottenham, Chris says:

"I needed a change of scenery. When you are missing for two years, you never really

feel part of the place again and, at 26-years-old, reserve team football was no good to me."

French First Division side Nice were among a number of foreign clubs who expressed an interest and Chris played one game for them but he says:

"The standard was terrible."

He also took part in a friendly for Norwich against Southend and says: "I would probably would have gone to Carrow Road had the money been right.

"Southend also made an approach but they realised that I was looking for higher grade football.

"They were very good about it and said the door would remain open if things didn't work out for me elsewhere.

"Manchester City were the last club to make themselves known and it has turned out to be a dream move for me."

City got off to a good start this season despite speculation that they would sadly miss Trevor Francis — transferred to Italian First Division side Sampdoria in his third £1million deal.

And Chris says: "The stands were half empty for our first home game, but the fans have seen the way the team has performed without Trevor and have rallied around.

"They are beginning to understand that instead of having one superstar and ten others, manager John Bond is trying to get a unit of 11 equals.

"It has to be the best way



Chris Jones — "My last two years at Spurs were so bad they are difficult to describe."

because there's no chance of replacing someone like Francis."

It was a tribute to the memory of Chris's own skill and all-purpose running that so many clubs came in for him at the end of last season.

And he says: "I don't think you really lose anything from being out for so long apart from match practice.

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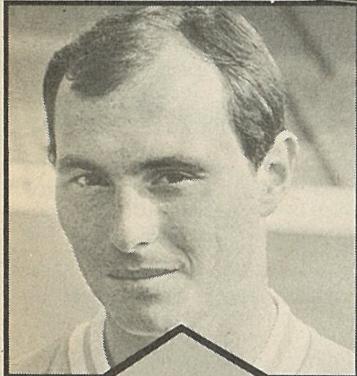
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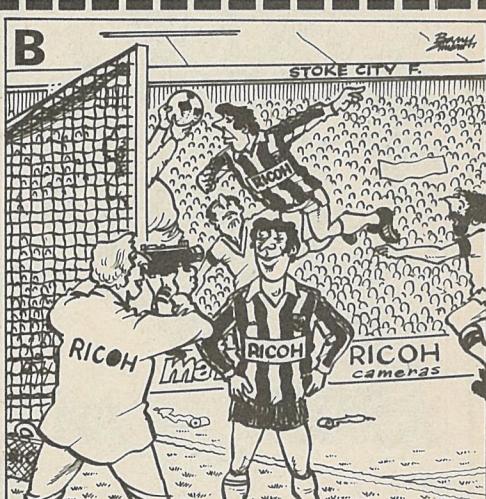
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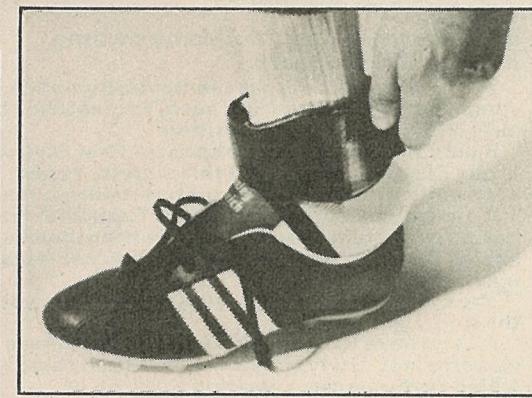
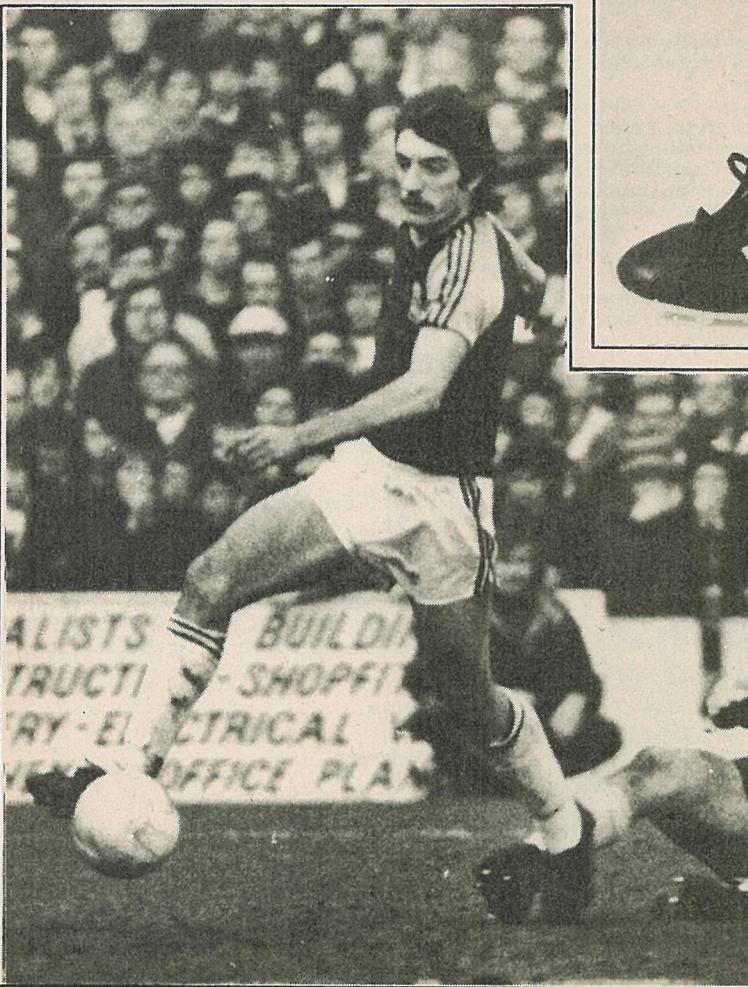
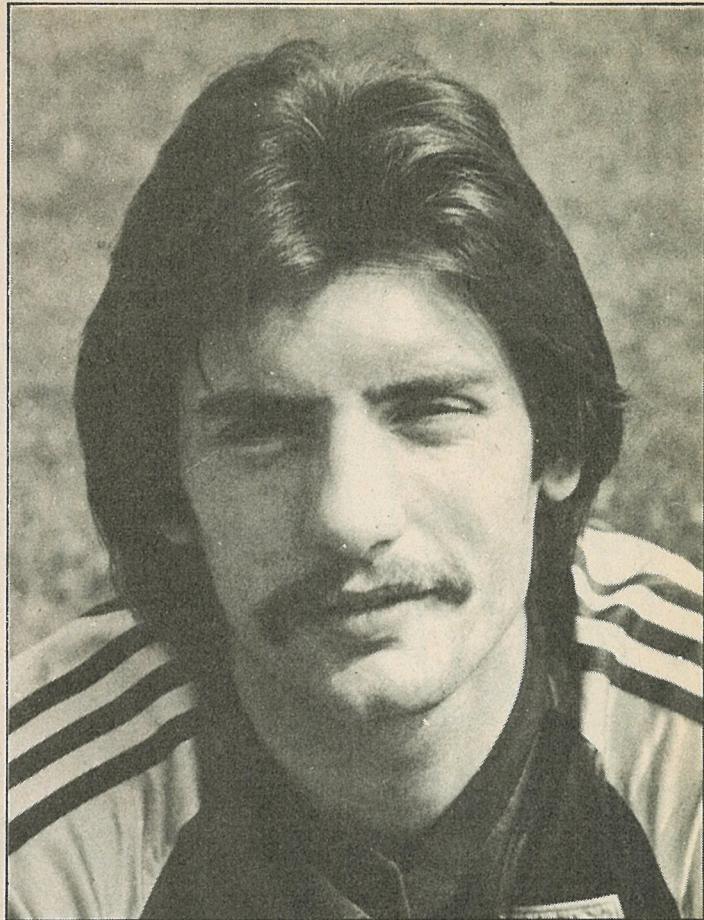
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The grass is greener at Wolves

SPOTLIGHT on the transfer trail and the new Wolves signing who traded the chance of FA Cup glory for long term happiness.

GOALKEEPER John Burridge's refusal to play on QPR's Omniturf pitch cost him two FA Cup Final appearances at Wembley and his career at Loftus Road.

But John, who joined Second Division pacesetters Wolves for £75,000 last month, says: "It didn't bother me that I missed out on playing in the two Finals against Spurs last season.

"I've been to Wembley before with Aston Villa when we won the League Cup back in 1977 so I know what it's like to play there.

"My wife put the whole thing into perspective when she asked me whether I'd prefer two days of FA Cup glory or to be happy in my work every day of the week.

"I wasn't happy with the surface at Rangers and that meant I didn't feel I was giving my best," says John.

John claims that he wasn't even invited to the Wembley matches by QPR, although he refused to say why the club wouldn't take him along.

The colourful 'keeper was an ever present in the Second Division until the turn of the year when he asked manager Terry Venables to drop him from the first team.

He explains: "I just couldn't get on with the new style surface. I don't believe in it and it was causing me great concern.

"I wasn't playing as well as I know I can. Chopping and changing from grass to the plastic pitch really got me down.

"At first Terry Venables seemed to understand but then things became difficult," says John, who was replaced in the Rangers goal by

Peter Hucke, who had been the understudy at Loftus Road for six years.

John, who started his League career with Workington, was placed on the transfer list and looked set to start the new season in the reserves.

But, just before the new campaign kicked off, Paul Bradshaw went down with a back injury and that left relegated Wolves with no recognised goalkeeper.

"Terry Venables called me into his office and told me that Wolves had a goalkeeper crisis and that they wanted me to go up there on a month's loan.

"I didn't think about the possibility of a permanent move. All I was concerned about was playing well and doing my best for Wolves.

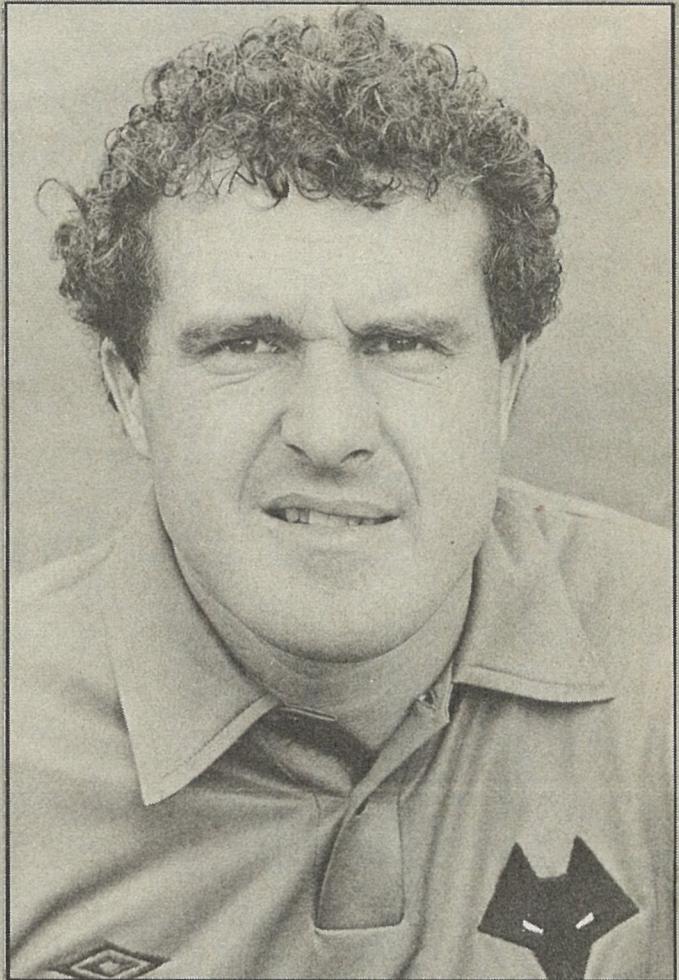
"I'm absolutely delighted that Wolves have signed me. They are a bigger club than Rangers will ever be. They've got so much tradition and history."

After six games for Wolves John had still to finish up on the losing side as the famous club, on the verge of extinction in the close season, made a tremendous start in their bid to bounce straight back into the top flight.

"There are some very good young players at Molineux and I'm hoping I can do the same here as I did with Crystal Palace in 1979 when we won promotion to the top flight."

John realises that he faces a battle for his first team place in the next few months when Paul Bradshaw — the club's 'Player of the Year' last season — returns to full fitness.

But he says: "I'm not thinking about that just yet. All I'm interested in is my next game. Obviously Paul is a very good goalkeeper, but it's up to me to do my best."



New Wolves 'keeper John Burridge: "Missing out on QPR's two FA Cup Final matches last season didn't bother me."

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A ROCKET FOR THE BOSS . . .

BOLTON skipper Paul Jones is learning to cope with the strange problem of giving his boss a 'rocket' if he makes a mistake on the field.

With new player-manager John McGovern trying to revive the Second Division club's fortunes by example, long-serving Paul wondered what reception he'd get after blasting the manager.

"It's hard at times when you're saying do this boss, do that boss, shall I give him a telling-off, or what?" says Paul, who re-signed for the club after originally receiving a free transfer.

"John McGovern thought he had enough responsibility being player-manager so he asked me whether I fancied the job as captain.

"I enjoy the responsibility. Organising others on and off the field has given me something else to think about.

"It's a strange feeling having the manager on the pitch playing alongside you. I'm still adjusting to it.

"Obviously he wants to be treated as just another player and that's how he will be treated."

After two years of struggling to avoid relegation to the Third Division, central defender Paul believes Bolton can turn the corner under former Nottingham Forest skipper McGovern. "I wouldn't put any money on us to

win the Second Division. Championship, says 29-year-old Paul, a Bolton player for 14 years.

"But getting into the top six is a realistic aim.

"If we can achieve that, then it will be success for us. We'll have done well and it will give the club something to build on for the future.

"As the new manager says, 'If you set your sights for the top and you fall a little below, then that's okay.'

"But if you set your sights too low and you fall below that, then you've no chance.

"John McGovern is a manager who knows what he wants. Obviously, throughout the games so far, he's watched everybody very carefully. I think in his own mind he knows exactly what the players are capable of doing.

"He isn't a boisterous loudmouth who rants and raves. He makes his points in a quiet way.

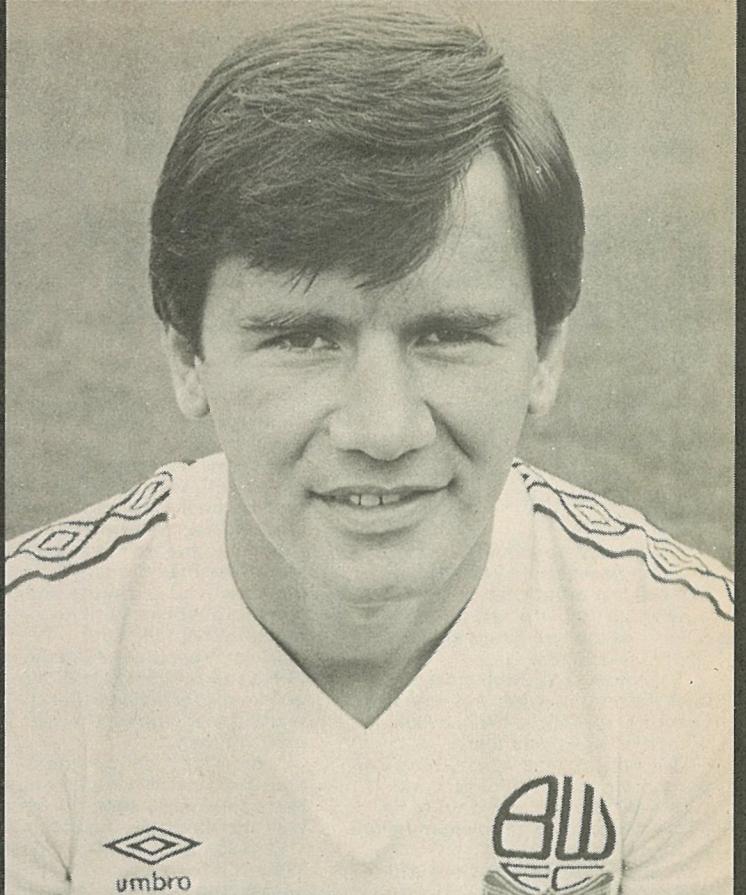
"If he has to be ruthless, then he'll be ruthless. If he's got to drop people, then he'll drop them.

"But he's not the type who flashes it all over the newspapers.

"However, he did blast the side in public for walking on air after our home win over Newcastle, and he was quite right in doing so.

"After all, one good result doesn't make a season."

Paul was linked with Second Division rivals Crystal Palace after



Paul Jones — "I enjoy the responsibility of being Bolton captain."

being one of ten players released at the end of last season.

"Bolton wanted me to take a cut in pay," he says. "But I wasn't prepared to take the kind of cut they wanted.

"All the negotiations were left to former manager George Mulhall, and I never saw anybody from the Board of Directors.

"I was given a free transfer and that really upset me because I'd been at Burnden Park for 14 years.

"Eventually I saw the chairman and we sorted something out, and, thankfully, all that is in the past now."

"All I want now is to help the club bring back some success for the fans."

"We've created plenty of scoring chances so far this season. Last

season we didn't create anything. The only problem now is that we are giving away silly goals.

"Defensively, the players are good enough individually, but we just don't seem to be hitting it off as a unit.

"But, perhaps our 4-0 Milk Cup thrashing of Carlisle will boost confidence because we don't want another season like the past three."

"In those seasons, we were relegated from the First and came twice within a whisker of relegation to the Third."

"We are optimistic and the atmosphere within the club is a lot better than it used to be, but there's still plenty of hard work to be put in and I think we all realise that."

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Although Ipswich Town's problems are more acute at the moment, they are going through the same sort of bad spell which we went through during the first half of last season.

We managed to pull ourselves through and I'm sure that the Ipswich lads can do the same. After all, with the exception of Arnold Muhren, they are the same side which has done so well in recent years.

Skills

Arnold Muhren is a very good player and any side in the country would miss his skills, but I don't think his departure can be blamed for the team's current plight.

They are just going through a bad spell and, when you aren't winning, your confidence goes. A couple of good results and we'll see the Ipswich of old. On their day, they are still capable of beating anyone.

I feel sorry for their new manager Bobby Ferguson who's coming under increasing pressure. Obviously he'll have brought in a few new ideas of his own and it takes the players time

to get used to them.

We faced Ipswich in last season's Milk Cup Semi-Final when we beat them 4-2 on aggregate. Another victory like that would suit us fine.

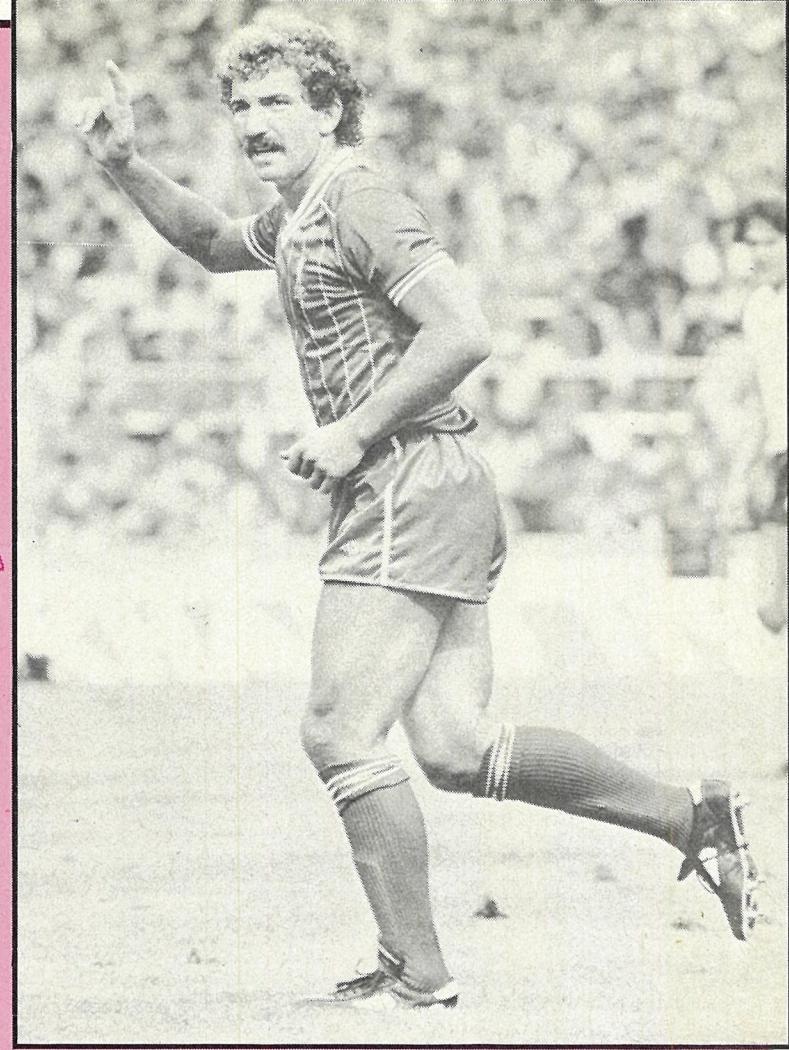
We beat them convincingly 2-0 at Portman Road in the first leg and looked to be cruising home at Anfield when we were leading by the same score in the return.

But they surprised us in the second half when they stormed back with goals from Eric Gates and Alan Brazil to force a draw.

We could have expected an easier Second Round draw as we started our defence of the Milk Cup, but if we're going to win any trophies, teams like Ipswich have got to be beaten at some stage.

Like last season, we face Ipswich three times in as many weeks, so by the time we play them at Anfield in the second leg, there's nothing we won't know about them.

On the League front, things are going well for Liverpool even though we've suffered our own



STRUGGLING IPSWICH POSE A MILK CUP THREAT . . .

injury problems. Alan Hansen, Phil Thompson and Ronnie Whelan have all been out at some stage this season.

Because of that, the manager hasn't been able to name his first choice team. It will be interesting when everyone is match-fit.

Injuries have given my old Middlesbrough team-mate and new Liverpool colleague David Hodgson an early chance to establish himself in the side.

He's grabbed the chance with both hands and looks a really good investment for the future. He's only a young lad and he's still learning. I believe he can only get better.

David has been playing up front alongside Ian Rush and that has meant a deeper role for Kenny Dalglish. It's a position he seems to be enjoying.

Sandwiched between the two League Cup games against Ipswich, Scotland face East Germany at Hampden Park in our first European Championship qualifier.

There has been talk that

players like Kenny Dalglish and myself could face the axe and there's no doubt that the manager will make changes from the squad he took to Spain.

Obviously I still think I'm capable of doing a job for my country so I'm keeping my fingers crossed that I'll be named in Jock Stein's squad.

There is a dark cloud on the horizon, however, following the Scottish FA's decision not to pay English clubs for the release of their players for international matches.

At the moment, there's a stalemate situation and if the clubs and the SFA stay at loggerheads, there's a real chance that 'Anglo-Scots' like myself won't be able to play.

I hope the situation is resolved because there are so many good young Scottish players in England and it would be a pity if they were deprived of a chance to play for their country.

See you in two weeks!

● Graeme Souness was talking to Anthony Hawkswell.

W O L V E R S



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Daniel. MIDDLE: Mick Matthews
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STAR CHALLENGE

TROUBLE-torn Ipswich Town — bottom of the First Division after six matches — can earn their first home victory of the season at the expense of League Champions Liverpool on Saturday.

That's the forecast from Manchester City midfielder Asa Hartford, who is this week's special guest on 'Star Challenge' — the fun-packed feature that gives 'Match' readers the chance to win a super soccer souvenir.

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Susan is a Manchester City fan and you can see her predictions alongside those of Asa Hartford in the special panel below.

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This week Manchester City star Asa Hartford (above) is challenged by 'Match' reader Susan Trick (left).

THIS WEEK'S STAR GUEST

ASA HARTFORD

age and address — together with a black and white photograph of yourself — and most importantly your home telephone number.

And don't forget to state your favourite team and favourite players. Write to: 'Star Challenge', Match Weekly, Stirling House, Bretton, Peterborough PE3 8DJ.

● Congratulations to 'Match' reader Andrew Lockley of Woodcross, West Midlands, who beat West Brom star Cyrille Regis by eight points to seven on Saturday, September 18.

Saturday, Oct. 2

DIVISION ONE

Arsenal v West Ham.....
Birmingham v Watford.....
Everton v Brighton.....
Ipswich v Liverpool.....
Luton v Man. Utd.....
Man. City v Coventry.....
Nott'm Forest v Stoke.....
Southampton v Notts Co.....
Sunderland v Norwich.....
Swansea v Spurs.....
West Brom v Aston Villa.....

DIVISION TWO

Barnsley v Fulham.....
Blackburn v Sheff. Wed.....
Bolton v C. Palace.....
Carlisle v Wolves.....
Charlton v Derby.....
Chelsea v Grimsby.....
Leeds v Cambridge.....
Middlesbrough v Oldham.....
Q.P.R. v Burnley.....
Rotherham v Newcastle.....
Shrewsbury v Leicester.....

DIVISION THREE

Bristol R. v Bradford.....
Exeter v Chesterfield.....
Millwall v Huddersfield.....
Newport v Lincoln.....
Orient v Doncaster.....
Oxford v Cardiff.....
Reading v Preston.....
Sheff. Utd v Gillingham.....
Walsall v Brentford.....
Wigan v Plymouth.....
Wrexham v Bournemouth.....

DIVISION FOUR

Blackpool v Darlington.....
Hereford v York.....

FIXTURES

Hull v Swindon.....
Northampton v Aldershot.....
Peterborough v Bristol C.....
Port Vale v Stockport.....
Rochdale v Bury.....
Scunthorpe v Colchester.....
Torquay v Hartlepool.....
Tranmere v Wimbledon.....
SCOTTISH
PREMIER DIVISION
Aberdeen v Motherwell.....
Dundee Utd v Celtic.....
Hibernian v Morton.....
Rangers v Dundee.....
St Mirren v Kilmarnock.....
FIRST DIVISION
Airdrie v Dunfermline.....
Ayr v Clydebank.....
Clyde v Dumbarton.....
Hamilton v Partick.....
Queen's Park v Alloa.....
Raith v Hearts.....
St Johnstone v Falkirk.....
SECOND DIVISION
Arbroath v Stirling.....
Cowdenbeath v Forfar.....
E. Stirling v Albion.....
Meadowbank v East Fife.....
Montrose v Stranraer.....
Queen of Sth v Berwick.....
Stenhousemuir v Brechin.....
Friday, October 8
DIVISION FOUR
Crewe v Rochdale.....
Stockport v Hartlepool.....

Match	Reader's forecast	Star's forecast	Your forecast	Result
Arsenal v West Ham	3-1	2-1		
Birmingham v Watford	1-1	1-2		
Everton v Brighton	3-0	2-1		
Ipswich v Liverpool	1-4	1-0		
Luton v Man. Utd	1-3	2-2		
Nott'm Forest v Stoke	2-1	1-1		
Southampton v Notts Co.	3-1	3-0		
Sunderland v Norwich	1-1	2-0		
Swansea v Tottenham	2-1	0-1		
W.B.A. v Aston Villa	1-1	2-0		

FRANK WORTHINGTON LEEDS UNITED

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY 2, LEEDS 3
League Division Two, Hillsborough,
Saturday, September 11, 1982.

THE television commentator was in raptures over Frank Worthington's opening goal.

"If that had been a Brazilian scoring then we would have talked about it for a week," he purred, as the old warhorse set about burying Sheffield

Wednesday in this blood and thunder Yorkshire derby.

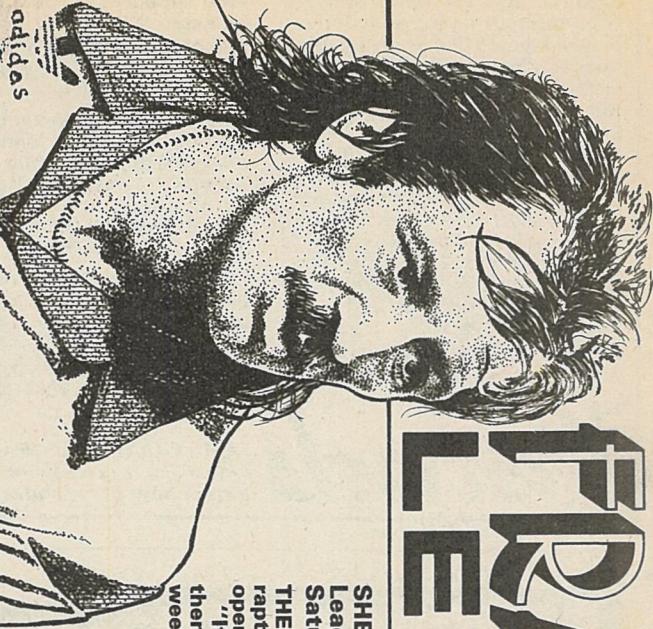
Certainly the way the extrovert Leeds United striker 'bent' the ball as he delightfully chipped

goalkeeper Bob Bolder bore all the hallmarks of South American

artistry.

His sweetly struck left foot shot acted as a fitting conclusion to a 28th minute Leeds move that drilled a large hole in the middle of the Wednesday defence. Player-manager Eddie Gray laid the foundations with a neat one-two with young Aidan Butterworth and Frank was perfectly placed to scoop the ball over the 'keeper from the resultant cross.

Frank evaded the challenge of Bailey and chipped the ball over Bolder's head.

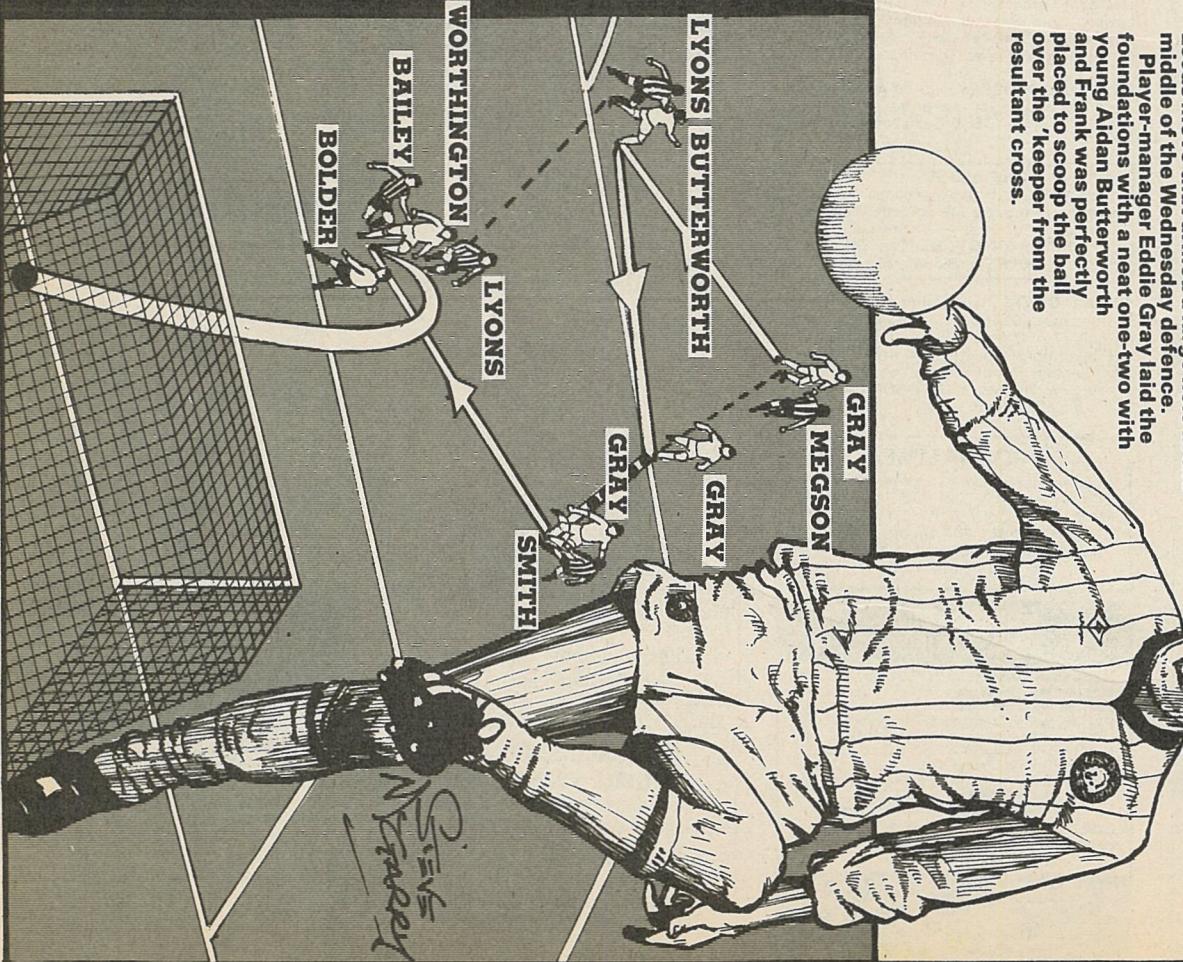


GOING 9



Leeds player-
manager Eddie Gray

GO GOLDEN GOAL!



Frank pictured during his spell in the U.S.A. with Tampa Bay Rowdies.

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MILK BUT NO SUGAR FOR PAUL

A return to his old club Charlton was the Milk Cup draw Luton striker Paul Walsh didn't want.

He admits: "The Second Round tie is a good one for the club, but a bad one for me. It's always difficult to play against your old team-mates."

Paul, who was a member of the England Under-21 squad for the recent game in Denmark, joined 'The Hatters' in the close season for £250,000 cash plus £80,000 rated striker Steve White.

"It will be great to meet up with my old friends again after the game. I was at Charlton a long time and enjoyed my spell there.

"But I can't afford to be sentimental about the journey back to London. I'm a Luton player now and all I'm interested in is beating Charlton and getting as far as I can in the Milk Cup," adds Paul, who celebrated his 21st birthday yesterday.

After winning their opening game of the season, Charlton lost the next four and are now struggling at the wrong end of the Second Division.

And Paul says: "I'm surprised to see them in such a poor position because I thought they would do well this season. It's still early days though and they shouldn't start worrying yet."

Paul himself is enjoying his first season in Division One, and he admits he was apprehensive about visiting such places as Anfield and White Hart Lane.

"Our opening three away games were at Tottenham, Aston Villa and Liverpool and we started those games in awe of our opponents.

"But after the first 15 minutes, we began to realise that we'd got nothing to fear and that we were as good a team as them."

Luton held FA Cup holders Spurs to a 2-2 draw and then pinched a point from League Champions Liverpool at Anfield.

David Pleat's newly-promoted side has impressed the rest of the First Division with their attacking style of play and, after six games, were the division's top scorers with 16 goals.

"I enjoy playing in a side like Luton. All the midfield and front players can beat opponents and score goals and that's got to be good for the game in general."

Paul opened his own goal account for Luton with a

splendid hat-trick in their 5-3 victory over Notts County at Kenilworth Road.

"It was only my third League game for the club so I was delighted to make such a good start. I was ever so relieved when the first goal went in.

"It's definitely harder to score goals in the First Division," says Paul, who finished up as Charlton's leading scorer in the League last season with 13 goals.

"I've found myself more tightly marked in the penalty area and the chances don't present themselves as often. You've got to make the most of every one you get."

Looking at the rest of the draw, there are five all First Division ties...

Ipswich take on Liverpool seeking revenge for their 4-2 aggregate defeat at the hands of the 'Reds' in the Semi-Finals last season.

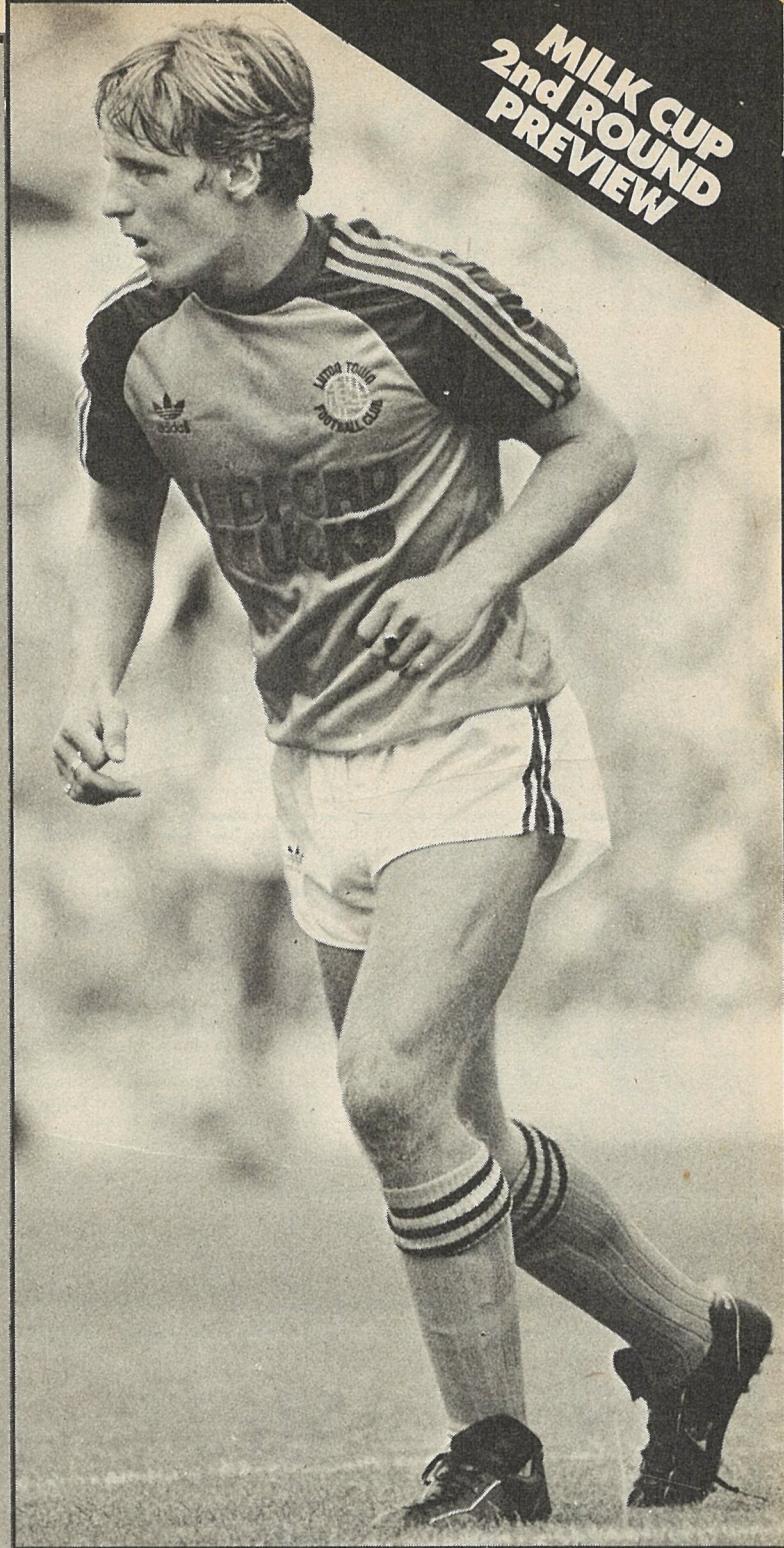
Judging by Town's troubled start to the season, however, it's unlikely the holders will make a shock early exit from the competition.

European Cup holders Aston Villa — Match Weekly's tip to win the Milk Cup trophy this season — should progress through to the Third Round at the expense of Notts County, whom they thrashed 6-0 at Meadow Lane in last term's FA Cup.

But striker Iain McCulloch says: "That was last season. It will be different this time around.

"Just about everything that could go wrong did so against Villa in that Cup game last season."

MILK CUP
2nd ROUND
PREVIEW



Luton striker Paul Walsh.

MILK CUP SECOND ROUND DRAW

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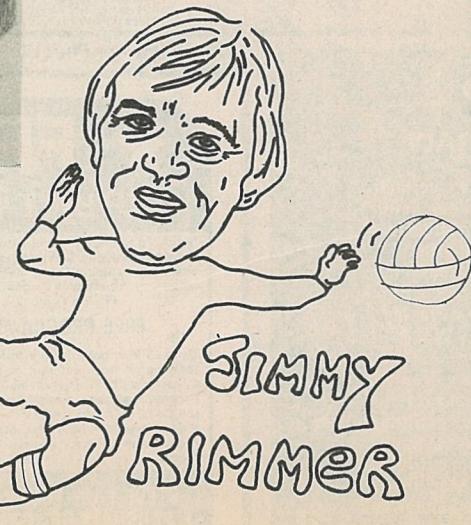
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TERRACE TALK

Edited by
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Write to: Michael Weavers, 'Terrace Talk' Editor, Match Weekly, Stirling House, Bretton, Peterborough PE3 8DJ.

WHO says footballers don't care about their fans?

After I tried to get hold of a Torquay v Port Vale programme — I mentioned that my favourite player was Torquay United's Brian Wilson — Brian's wife Anne, an ex-Nolan Sister, rang me and we talked for ages about United and the Nolans.

The following week, a big bundle exploded through my letter box. It was a batch of Torquay programmes and two fantastic photos of the christening of Brian's daughter Amy — with all the Nolans in attendance.

Deborah Thraves, Breaston, Derbyshire.

OVER the past three seasons, my favourite team, Nottingham Forest, have deteriorated from the best team in Europe to also-rans.

Foreign imports Jurgen Rober and Raimondo Ponte came and went with hardly anyone noticing.

Forest's decline started with the sale of Tony Woodcock and Trevor Francis. Young players Peter Davenport and Steve Hodge have blossomed but I feel they will not prevent Forest continuing as a miserable middle-of-the-table side.

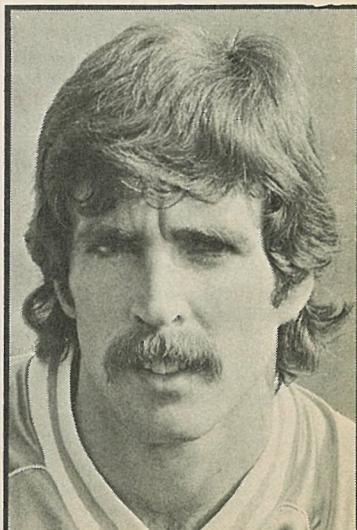
Michael Williams, Ipswich, Suffolk.

• IT'S better than being a miserable bottom-of-the-table side.

HERE'S my team of one-club men who have stayed loyal to the club they signed professional terms with:

Joe Corrigan (Manchester City), George Burley (Ipswich), Steve Perryman (Tottenham), Phil Thompson (Liverpool), David O'Leary (Arsenal), Paul Power (Manchester City), John Wark (Ipswich), Brian Stein (Luton), Cyrille Regis (West Brom), Glenn Hoddle (Tottenham), Graham Rix (Arsenal).

Martin McPhillips, North Wembley, Middlesex.



Manchester City's one-club man — Paul Power

I'M disappointed with Match Weekly's 'Match Facts'.

They give player ratings and all the relevant information for English League matches, but don't give the same service for European trophy ties.

I'd much rather see a Bayern Munich line-up than a Crewe Alexandra team.

Neil Hamilton, Milton Keynes.

● WHEN Bayern play in our Fourth Division, we'll be glad to oblige.

THE soccer yearbook, given away free in 'Match Weekly', was a super idea but I've got one complaint.

In the list of League fixtures, there's a space to write in the scorers. I didn't have enough room to write in all the marksmen when my team, Spurs, hit six past Southampton.

J. Barker, Swansea, West Glamorgan.

● NOW I've heard everything — a fan complaining when his team goes on a goal spree!

I FELT I had to rush to the defence of John Bond after he was unfairly criticised by a recent letter in 'Terrace Talk'.

The Manchester City boss had to sell Trevor Francis so that City would not suffer the same financial plight as Wolves, Hull and Bristol City.

And what excellent buys Bond has made to compensate for the loss of Francis. Experienced striker David Cross is already firing home the goals and Graham Baker has proved to be a very shrewd signing indeed.

These two players — bought for a bargain £350,000 — and the free transfer captures of Chris Jones from Spurs and Ian Davies from Newcastle, show that Bond is as astute as anyone in transfer market wheeling-and-dealing.

Stephen Poxon, Gosport, Hants.

YOU would think from all the sendings-off this season that English League football is taking a turn for the worse.

But that isn't the case. More than 20 players have had "an early bath", many for trivial offences, and you begin to wonder whether the new 'get-tough' policy by referees is having an adverse effect on the game.

A bad foul warrants a sending-off . . . deliberate handball doesn't.

Garry Burrows, Leicester.

I GET annoyed with people who say that neither Ipswich or Spurs have much chance of the League title because they have lost star players.

Tottenham's Mike Hazard is an excellent replacement for Ossie Ardiles and Steve McCall will make sure Ipswich will not rue the loss of Arnold Muhren to Manchester United.

John Garry, Ballina, Co. Mayo, Republic of Ireland.

● THE loss of world class players will damage any side's Championship hopes . . . as time will tell.

FULL marks to Leeds striker Frank Worthington.

Unlike some Leeds players who were seeking transfers when the Elland Road side plunged into Division Two at the end of last season, Frank stayed loyal.

And it was great to see him hit two goals in United's 3-2 victory at Sheffield Wednesday. With players like Frank around, Leeds can be hopeful of a quick return to the First Division.

Steven Purdy, Doncaster, South Yorks.

THE person I most admire in football at the moment is Brighton boss Mike Bailey.

With no long-term contract and the club suffering two heavy defeats, Mike put his job on the line by dropping three star players who were disrupting the club with demands for wage rises.

Bailey's stand-ins helped the club to victories over Arsenal and Sunderland and proved to the club's wage rebels that they can't take their places for granted.

If all managers made a similar stand against players demanding extra wages, football

would be a different game.

T. Tingley, Horsham, West Sussex.

WHY is everyone tipping my favourite team, Manchester United, for the League Championship?

Can't they see that as well as winning the title, United will also win the FA Cup, the UEFA Cup and the Milk Cup?

They will also:

- Score the most goals this season.
- Win more matches than anyone else this season.
- Have the highest individual scorer (Bryan Robson).
- Concede fewer goals than anyone else this season.
- Lose fewer matches than their rivals this season.

Jacques Mir, Leicester.

● THE rest of the First Division might as well pack it in now.

THE man to replace Bob Paisley as manager of Liverpool at the end of the season is Roy Evans.

Roy has made a big impression on the coaching side at Anfield since he joined it in 1974.

He has groomed many of Liverpool's young stars, including Ian Rush, Ronnie Whelan and Sammy Lee.

Roy has just the right pedigree to take over at Anfield.

A Reader, Paignton, Devon.

● IT'S John Toshack who has the right pedigree, chum!

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FOOTBALL will never die! Not if we are treated to more thrillers like the 3-3 Anfield draw between Liverpool and Luton.

The match was one of the best I've ever seen. The goals were all brilliant and Luton's use of three goalies — following Jake Findlay's injury — only added to the tension.

Luton deserve full marks for their enterprising play, and their reward is the inclusion of Ricky Hill in the England squad.

It's hard to believe that the season started with so much pessimism.

Steve Kelly, Guildford, Surrey.



Mike Hazard — an excellent replacement for Ossie Ardiles says John Garry from Ballina.

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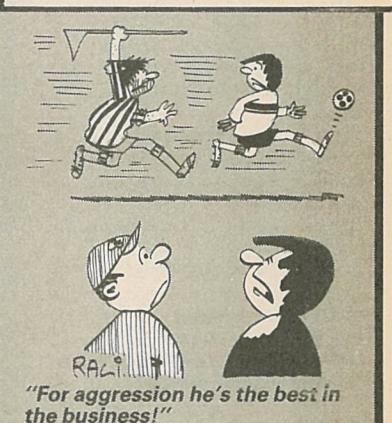
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IF we lose to Wigan in the Milk Cup next week, then we deserve to have our backsides kicked!

This is not being disrespectful to the Third Division side, but over two legs we must be firm favourites to stay on the road that eventually leads to Wembley.

No doubt my old Coventry pal Larry Lloyd is rubbing his hands at the prospect of a piece of giant-killing with his Wigan side.

And he would really fancy his chances if the Second Round tie was purely a one-off situation at Springfield Road.

But a two-leg confrontation obviously favours the stronger team. We know that even if we can only draw at Wigan in the first leg, we ought to go through by beating them at Maine Road.

Knowing Larry as I do, he will have his Wigan men fully wound-up, and City will have to match their whole-hearted approach to avoid embarrassment.

First Division teams in general dread facing lower division opposition because of the obvious pitfalls of complacency and underestimation.

Deep down, some players feel they have only to appear on the pitch to ensure a passage into the next round, and that's when problems occur.

The Milk Cup is an obvious money-spinner with a ticket into Europe as another glittering reward for the winner.

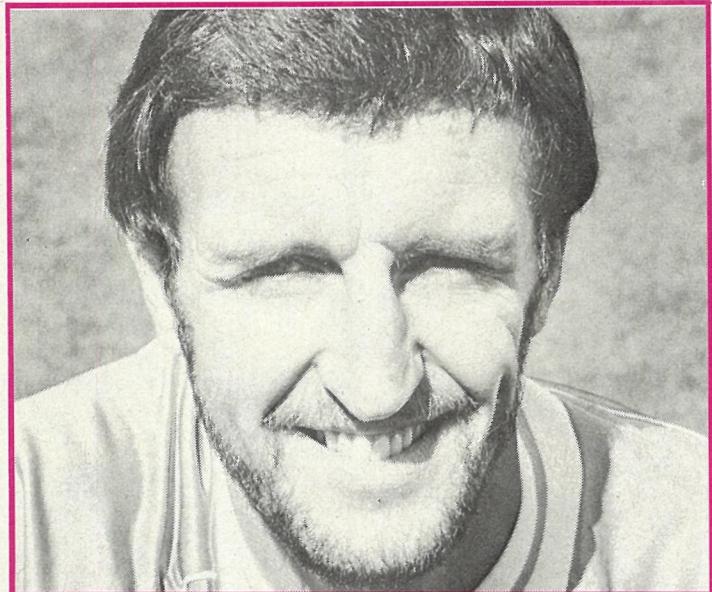
City need money like every other club and there is no way we can afford to make any mistakes against Wigan.

From my point of view, I hope I'm back in action for the tie after missing a few games with an ankle injury sustained during our pre-season programme on the Continent.

In some respects, I wish I had sorted out the injury at that time, although I suppose I would have been ruled out for two or three weeks at whatever point I decided to rest.

But I'm not a player who lets injury problems get me down because I know there are players worse off than myself.

KICK OUR BACKSIDES IF WE LOSE TO LOWLY WIGAN!



Manchester City striker David Cross looks ahead with confidence as the club prepares to take the first step along the road to Wembley.

At least I was able to do certain exercises whereas goalkeeper Joe Corrigan, who dislocated his shoulder against Watford, spent two weeks just sitting around.

Looking back on our last few games, we had a great 2-1 result at Tottenham where Graham Baker scored two well-taken

goals.

Although I didn't make the trip to White Hart Lane, I gather the lads worked very hard.

That's why they were doubly disappointed with a 1-0 home defeat by Aston Villa in the next match.

Earning such a tremendous

result at Tottenham, we were hoping to build on that against Villa, but it proved a disappointing match in the hot conditions.

We appear to be playing better away from home where there is not so much pressure.

There's more onus these days on the home side producing much more than a win for the fans.

Victory over Villa would have put us joint top of the table with city rivals United and obviously we hope to finish above them in the table.

But we can only govern their results twice in a season.

We are still in a healthy position after achieving four wins in our first six games.

If we continued that ratio for the rest of the season, then I suppose we would finish as Champions.

We hope to consolidate our position against Coventry and Everton over the next two Saturdays.

My old club Coventry started off fairly well but a couple of defeats put their early season form into perspective.

They have their usual array of young talent with a couple of old heads among them, and we can be guaranteed a hard game at Maine Road this weekend, remembering they beat City here in the FA Cup last season.

One plus factor to emerge from the past few weeks is the form of young reserve goalkeeper Alex Williams who has replaced the injured Joe Corrigan.

Everyone expected the manager to get an experienced goalkeeper on loan, possibly Arsenal's Pat Jennings.

But the form of young Alex, particularly at Tottenham, showed that he had earned his promotion.

He's an honest and likeable lad and it's nice to see someone like him get his reward for all his hard work and refreshing approach.

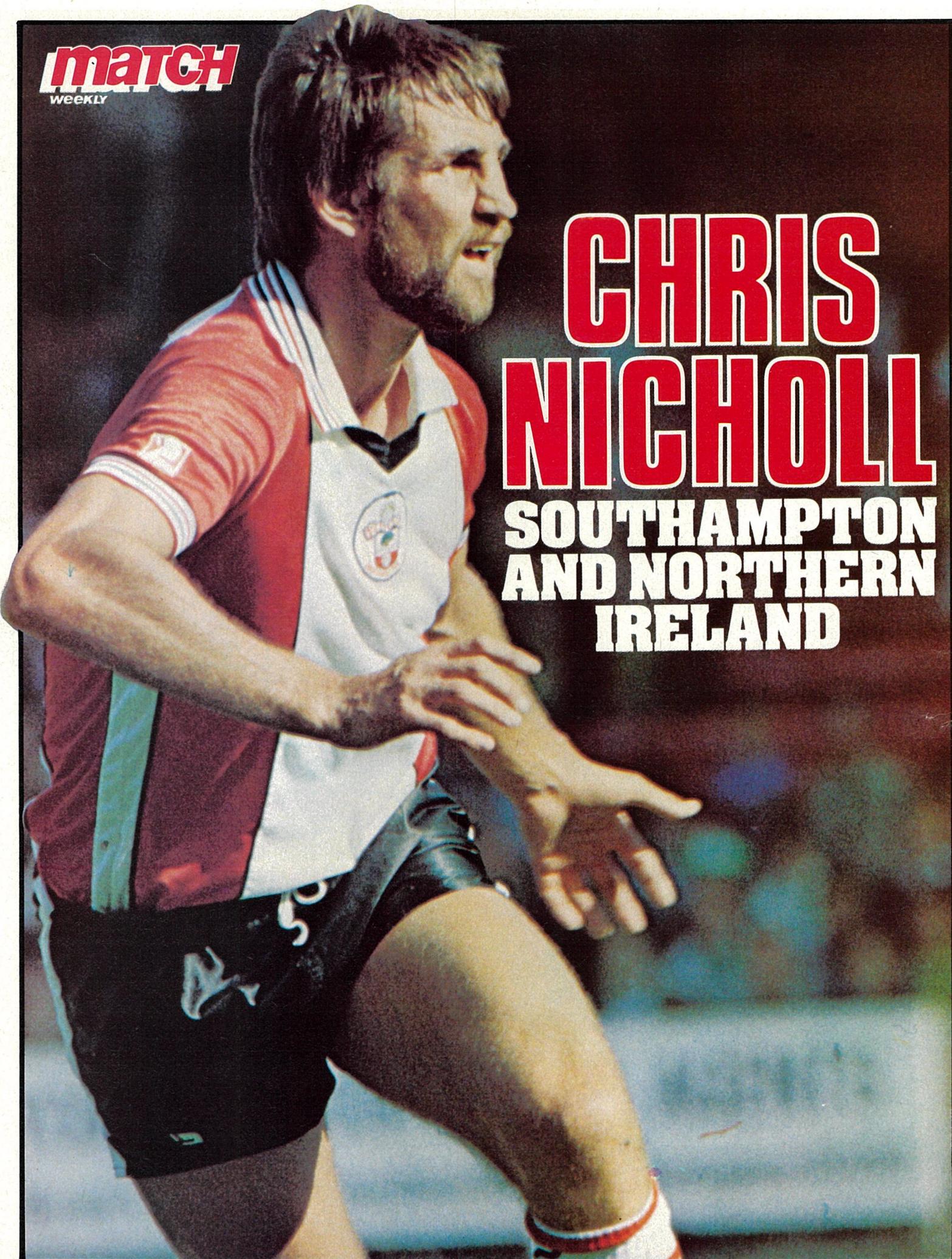
● David Cross was talking to Melvyn Beck.



Graham Baker (left) scores the first of his two well-taken goals in the great 2-1 victory at Tottenham. But the win served to make us doubly disappointed in the next match.

CHRIS NICHOLL

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Back row (left to right) — Colin Powell, Dean White, Ron Hillyard, Steve Bruce, Gary Sutton, John Sharpe, Mark Weatherly.

Middle row — Ted Buxton (chief scout), Paul Taylor (assistant manager), Peter Shaw, Dick Tydeman, Tony Cascarino, Trevor Lee, John Sutton, Bill Colin (physio).

Front row — Neil Grewcock, Richard Bowman, Colin Duncan, Keith Peacock (manager), Ken Price, Mick Miller, Mick Adams.

MANCHESTER United have 'dynamite on their hands' in new signing Peter Beardsley.

Such high praise of the former Carlisle striker comes from his old boss across the Atlantic Johnny Giles, who says: "Peter is unique. He is a natural goalscorer and can do things other players can't."

Peter, who joined United from Vancouver Whitecaps in a complicated transfer deal last month, modestly turns aside such compliments by saying: "I just hope I can prove my old manager right."

The 21-year-old first has to break into a side that is currently riding high at the top of the First Division.

"It's a daunting task — especially with the team doing so well. Obviously the longer they keep winning, the more difficult it will be for me."

Challenge

"I know there's a lot of hard work ahead of me, but I'm just hoping that I get the chance to prove myself in the first team.

"The challenge doesn't scare me. In this game, you've got to have confidence in your own ability.

"It's the ambition of every player to be part of a top club and they don't come much bigger than Manchester United."

United manager Ron Atkinson agreed to pay £250,000 for Peter, plus another payment after he has made a certain number of first team appearances and a further sizeable outlay if the nippy goalscorer ever wins a full England cap.



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But Vancouver are so confident that Peter will be a big hit with the Manchester giants that they've agreed to buy him back for the same price if he fails to make the grade at Old Trafford.

Following his £275,000 move from then Third Division Carlisle to North America in April last year, Peter believes he's returned a better player.

"It was a big decision for me to make, but I felt that a move to North America would help my career and give me experience.

"I was joining a team that boasted such top class players as former Scottish international Peter Lorimer and Wales skipper Terry Yorath. I knew I could be able to learn from them.

"They helped my game a great deal. I learned to take my time more and now I find myself handing out advice on the field."

In Peter's first season in the North American Soccer League, he was voted the club's 'Player of the

Year' and scored 13 goals as Vancouver Whitecaps reached the play-offs.

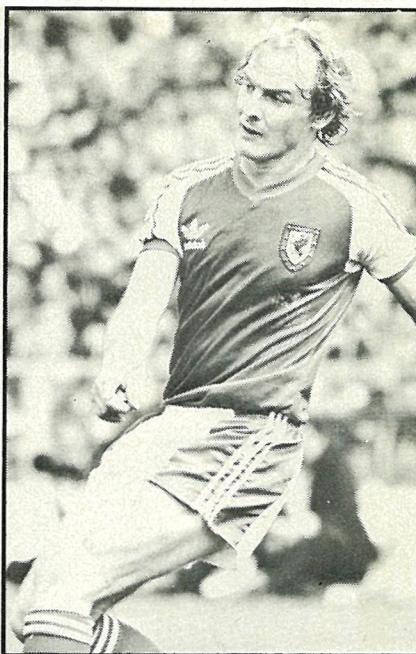
Strained ankle ligaments kept the youngster out of the team for a spell last term but he still managed seven goals and finished high up in the 'Player of the Year' voting again.

Razzamataz

His debut in a Manchester United shirt must have seemed a million miles away from the razzamataz of American football — it was in a reserve match against Blackburn in front of a sparse Old Trafford crowd.

But says Peter: "United have such a strong squad that it's difficult enough getting into the reserve side.

"We won 5-0 and, although I didn't score, I was very happy with my overall performance. Now I've got to continue playing well and hope for my first team chance."



Former Welsh skipper Terry Yorath — he played alongside Peter Beardsley in the Vancouver Whitecaps side last season.

SPOTLIGHT on the former Carlisle star whose transatlantic gamble has earned him a dream move to Old Trafford.

ONE OF A KIND! BUT PETER FINDS IT TOUGH AT UNITED



Peter Beardsley and his wife Sonara try out a Manchester United shirt for size.

MATCH FACTS MATCH FACTS

Sunday, Sept. 19

Division Four

NORTHAMPTON (3) 7 /Syrett 27, 34, 46, 89, Massey 17, 51, Denyer 88)
BRISTOL CITY (0) 1 (Riley 78)

Att: 3,017

Northampton: Freeman 7, Brady 6, Phillips 7, Gage 6, Burrows 7, Heeley 7 (sub: Denyer 6), Saunders 7, Saxby 6, ★SYRETT 9, Massey 8, Buchanan 7.

Bristol City: Shaw 6, Stevens 5, Newman 5, Williams 7, Boyle 7, ★RILEY 8, Chandler 6 (sub: Crawford 6), Bray 6, Cooper 7, Ritchie 6, Thompson 6.

Referee: K. G. Salmon (Barnet)

Match Rating: ★★★★

SCUNTHORPE (0) 0

YORK (0) 0

Att: 2,436

Scunthorpe: ★NEENAN 8, Keeley 7, Pointon 7, Fowler 6, Boxall 6, Hunter 7, Gilbert 6, Parkinson 7, O'Berg 6, Telfer 6 (sub: Duncan 6), Leman 6.

York: Jones 6, Evans 6, Hay 7, ★SBRAGIA 8, Crosby 7, Hood 7, Pollard 6 (sub: Senior 6), Ford 7, Walwyn 6, Byrne 7, Laverick 6.

Referee: T. Fitzharris (Bolton)

Match Rating: ★★

Tuesday, Sept. 21

UEFA Under-21 (1981-82 Final, First Leg)

ENGLAND (1) 3 (Owen 2/1 pen), Fashanu
WEST GERMANY (0) 1 (Voeller)

Att: 6,354 (At Bramhall Lane, Sheffield)

UEFA Under-21 Championship Qualifying Match

DENMARK (1) 1 (Christensen)
ENGLAND (2) 4 (Mabbatt 2, Regis, Davis)

Att: 500

WALES (0) 0

NORWAY (0) 0

Att: 670 (At Cardiff)

Division Four

NORTHAMPTON (0) 0
BURY (1) 3 (Johnson 11, Firth 49, Madden 57)

Att: 2,792

Northampton: Freeman 6, Brady 5 (sub: Denyer 6), Phillips 6, Gage 5, ★BURROWS 8, Heeley 5, Saunders 7, Saxby 6, Syrett 7, Massey 5, Buchanan 6.

Bury: Brown 7, Gardner 6, Kenworthy 6, Gore 7, ★HILTON 9, Bramhall 6, Potts 7, Madden 7, Johnson 7, Jakub 6, Firth 7.

Referee: R. S. Lewis (Great Bookham)

Match Rating: ★★

Wednesday, Sept. 22

European Championship Group Three

DENMARK (0) 2 (Hansen, pen 68, Olsen 89)
ENGLAND (1) 2 (Francis 7, 81)

Att: 44,300

Denmark: Rasmussen T, Rasmussen O, Busk, Roentved, Lerby, Neilsen, Bertelsen, Hansen, Olsen, Bastrup, Elkjaer.

England: Shilton, Neal, Sansom, Wilkins, Butcher, Osman, Morley (sub: Hill), Robson, Mariner, Francis, Rix.

Group Four

WALES (1) 1 (Rush 31)

NORWAY (0) 0

Att: 4,340

Wales: Southall, Marustik, Jones, Jackett, Stevenson, Price, Curtis (sub: Charles), Flynn, Rush, Thomas, James, R.

Norway: Nygard, Berntsen, Kojedahl, Hareide, Grendalen, Albertsen, Erlandsen, Soler, Lund, Larsen-Olkand, Thoresen.

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★★★★★	A waste of money

Group Seven

HOLLAND (1) 2 (Shoenaker 1, Gullit 64)
REPUBLIC OF IRELAND (0) 1 (Daly 79)

Att: 19,000

OTHER EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS:
Finland 0, Portugal 2; Austria 5, Albania 0.

FRIENDLY INTERNATIONALS: Hungary 5, Turkey 0; Bulgaria 2, East Germany 2; West Germany 0, Belgium 0.

UEFA CUP, FIRST ROUND, FIRST LEG:
Hadjuk Split (Yugoslavia) 4, Zurrieq (Malta) 1; Reykjavik (Iceland) 0, Shamrock Rovers (Ireland) 3.

EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP, FIRST ROUND, FIRST LEG: Waterschei (Belgium) 7, Differdange (Luxembourg) 1.

SCOTTISH League Cup Quarter Finals, First Leg

ABERDEEN (1) 1 (McGhee 15)
DUNDEE UNITED (2) 3 (Gough 25, Bannon 35, Kirkwood 80)

Att: 14,000

KILMARNOCK (0) 1 (McLean 51)
RANGERS (2) 6 (Cooper 20, 21, 62, 69, MacDonald 49, 52)

Att: 8,000

League Cup Quarter Finals, Second Leg

HEARTS (1) 2 (MacDonald 25, Pettigrew 78)
ST MIRREN (0) 1 (Stark 65)

Att: 12,000

Hearts win 3-2 on aggregate

PARTICK (0) 0
CELTIC (1) 3 (MacLeod 23, Nicholas 56, 86)

Att: 5,500

Celtic win 7-0 on aggregate

First Division

ALLOA (2) 3 (Garner 13, McComb 26, Houston 50)

RAITH (0) 0

Att: 777

CLYDEBANK (0) 0
AIRDRIE (1) 4 (March 31, Rodger 56, McGuire 69, McKeown 76)

Att: 2,200

DUNFERMLINE (0) 2 (Hegarty 49, Forrest 65)

ST JOHNSTONE (3) 4 (Pelosi 21, Brannigan 33, Beedie 38, Brogan 54)

Att: 3,000

HAMILTON (0) 2 (Oliver, og 62, Wilson 78)

FALKIRK (1) 1 (Oliver 35)

Att: 811

QUEEN'S PARK (2) 3 (Quinn 20, Gilmour 37, 57)

AYR (1) 1 (Larnach 18)

Att: 750

Second Division

ALBION (2) 3 (Evans 22, Ferrie 34, Dow 70)
QUEEN OF THE SOUTH (1) 1 (Robertson 17)

Att: 450

BRECHIN (0) 1 (Elvin, pen 61)
COWDENBEATH (1) 1 (Miller 40)

Att: 270

EAST FIFE (0) 0
MONTROSE (1) 1 (Fletcher 7)

Att: 447

EAST STIRLING (1) 1 (McCaig 32)

STRANRAER (0) 2 (McBride 34, 81)

Att: 360

FORFAR (2) 2 (Alexander 16, Clark 38)
BERWICK (1) 2 (Davidson 42, Romanes 53)

Att: 867

STENHOUSEMUIR (0) 1 (Murray 79)
ARBROATH (3) 6 (Kopel 6, Gavine 8, Robb 18, 66, Shaw 59, McKenzie 80)

Att: 250

STIRLING (0) 1 (Conroy, og 48)
MEADOWBANK (1) 1 (Conroy 10)

Att: 1,000

Friday, Sept. 24

Division Four

STOCKPORT (0) 0

NORTHAMPTON (0) 1 (Massey 89)

Att: 1,621

Stockport: ★LLOYD 9, Rutter 7, Thorpe 6, Emerson 8, Bowles 7, Smith 7, Williams 6, Phillips 6, Quinn 6, Park 7, Sherlock 7

Northampton: Freeman 7, Brady 8, Phillips 7, Gage 6, Burrows 7, ★COFFILL 9, Saunders 6, Denyer 8, Syrett 7, Massey 8, Buchanan 7.

Referee: C. Newsome (Broseley)

Match Rating: ★★★

Saturday, Sept. 25

Division One

ASTON VILLA (2) 2 (Mortimer 32, Evans 44)

SWANSEA (0) 0

Att: 21,246

Aston Villa: Rimmer 7, Jones 7, Williams 6, Evans 6, McNaught 7, Mortimer 7, Bremner 6, Shaw 6, Withe 7, ★COWANS 8, Morley 7

Swansea: Davies 6, Stanley 5, Hadzibabic 5, Irwin 6 (sub: Marustik 6), Kennedy 7, Mahoney 6, ★LOVERIDGE 8, James, R. 5, Charles 6, Stevenson 6, Latchford 5

Referee: T. Fitzharris (Bolton)

Match Rating: ★★★

BRIGHTON (0) 1 (Gatting 69)

BIRMINGHAM (0) 0

Att: 9,845

Brighton: Moseley 5, ★STEVENS 7, Nelson 6, Greasham 5 (sub: Robinson 6), Foster 6, Gatting 6, Case 6, Ritchie 6, Ryan 6, Stille 5, Smith 6.

Birmingham: Blyth 5, Langan 5, Hagan 6, Stevenson 5, Blake 6, Phillips 6, Carrodus 6, Evans 6 (sub: ★FRANCIS 7), Whatmore 6, Curbishley 6, Handysides 6.

Referee: D. Reeves (Uxbridge)

Match Rating: ★

COVENTRY (1) 4 (Melrose 21, 54, 67, Hunt 50)

EVERTON (1) 2 (Heath 26, King 69)

Att: 9,319

Coventry: Sealey 8, Thomas 7, Roberts 6, Jacobs 7, Dyson 8, Gillespie 7, Whittom 7, Francis 7, Melrose 8, ★THOMPSON, G. 9, Hunt 7 (sub: Thompson, K.)

Everton: Southall 7, Richardson 6, Walsh 6, Higgins 6, Wright 6, McMahon 7, Ross 7, ★HEATH 8, Sharp 6, King 7, Sheedy 7

Referee: J. Key (Rotherham)

Match Rating: ★★★★

LIVERPOOL (3) 5 (Whelan 6, 70, Souness 21, Lawrenson 41, 65)

SOUTHAMPTON (0) 0

Att: 32,996

Liverpool: Grobbelaar 8, Neal 8, Kennedy 8, Thompson 8, ★WHELAN 9, Lawrenson 8, Dalglish 8, Lee 8, Rush 8 (sub: McDermott 7), Johnston 8, Souness 8.

Southampton: ★SHILTON 9, Baker 6, Holmes 5, Williams 4, Nicholl 5, Wright 4, Ball 4 (sub: Wallace 4), Cassells 5, Moran 4, Armstrong 4, Agboula 4

Referee: T. Mills (Barnsley)

Match Rating: ★★★★★

MANCHESTER UNITED (0) 0

ARSENAL (0) 0

Att: 43,198

Man Utd: ★BAILEY 8, Duxbury 6, Alston 6, Wilkins 5, Moran 5, McQueen 6, Robson 5, Grimes 6, Stapleton 5, Whiteside 6, Macari 6, Arsenal: Wood 7, Hollins 6, Sansom 6, Talbot 6, O'Leary 5, Whyte 6, ★DAVIS 8, Robson 6, Chapman 5, Woodcock 6, Rix 5

Referee: P. N. Willis (Co. Durham)

Match Rating: ★★★

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NORWICH (1) 1 (Deehan 45)
WEST BROM (1) 3 (Regis 39, 63, 86)
 Att: 15,130

Norwich: Woods 6, Haylock 6, Downs 5, McGuire 6, Walford 5, **DEEEHAN** 7, Barham 5, O'Neill 5, Fashanu 5 (sub: Alexander 6), Bertschin 6, Mendham 6.

West Brom: Grew 6, Batson 6, Whitehead 6, Zondervan 7, Bennett 6, Robertson 6, Jol 7, Brown 6, **REGIS** 8, Owen 6, Eastoe 6.

Referee: J. Moules (Ongar)
 Match Rating: ★★★★

NOTTS COUNTY (0) 0
IPSWICH (2) 6 (Mariner 15, 60, Brazil 23, Walk 56, Thijssen 74, McCall 76)
 Att: 8,454

Notts County: **AVRAMOVIC** 7, Benjamin 6, Worthington 5, Hunt 5, Kilcline 5, Richards 5, Chedzoe 6, Harkouk 5, Christie 5, Goodwin 6, McCulloch 5.

Ipswich: Sivell 6, Burley 6, Mills 6, Thijssen 7, Osman 7, Butcher 6, Wark 7, McCall 8, Mariner 8, **BRAZIL** 9, Gates 8.

Referee: J. Lovatt (Crewe)
 Match Rating: ★★★★

STOKE (2) 4 (Berry 9, 21, Bracewell 48, O'Callaghan 85)
LUTON (2) 4 (Walsh 19, 43, Stein 57, Donaghy 60)
 Att: 18,475

Stoke: Fox 7, Parkin 7, Hampton 7, Bracewell 6, Watson 6, Berry 7, Maguire 7, McIlroy 7, O'Callaghan 6, Thomas 8 (sub: McAughtrie), **CHAMBERLAIN** 9.

Luton: Judge 6, Stephens 7, Money 5, Horton 7, Goodyear 6, Donaghy 7, Hill 7, Stein 6, **WALSH** 8, Turner 6, Moss 7.

Referee: G. Napthine (Loughborough)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

Sending Off: Fox (Stoke)

TOTTENHAM (3) 4 (Mabbett 30, 39, Crooks 32, 88)
NOTTINGHAM FOREST (1) 1 (Birtles 40)
 Att: 30,662

Spurs: Clemence 7, Hughton 7, Price 6, Miller 7, Brooke 6, Perryman 6, **MABBUTT** 8, Hazard 7 (sub: Crook 6), Falco 6, Villa 7, Crooks 7.

Nott's Forest: Van Breukelen 7, Anderson 7, Gunn 6, Fairclough 6, Young 6, Gray 5 (sub: Ward 6), Proctor 6, Hodge 6, **BIRTLES** 8, Wallace 6, Walsh 7.

Referee: T. Glasson (Wiltshire)
 Match Rating: ★★★★

WATFORD (4) 8 (Blissett 25, 58, 84, 88, Jenkins 31, 71, Callaghan 10, 22)
SUNDERLAND (0) 0
 Att: 16,744

Watford: Sherwood 7, Rice 8, Rostrom 7, Taylor 8, Terry 7, Bolton 8, Callaghan 8, Blissett 8, **JENKINS** 9, Kickert 7, Barnes 8.

Sunderland: Turner 6, Venison 4, Munro 5, Atkins 5, Hindmarch 5, Nicholl 4, **BUCKLEY** 7, Rowell 6, McCoist 6, Pickering 5, Cummins 6.

Referee: V. J. Callow (Solihull)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

WEST HAM (2) 4 (Clark 32, 36, Goddard 46, Van der Elst 70)
MANCHESTER CITY (0) 1 (Boyer 63)
 Att: 23,833

West Ham: Parkes 8, Stewart 6 (sub: Orr 6), Lampard 7, Bonds 8, Martin 7, **DEVONSHIRE** 9, Van der Elst 8, Goddard 8, Clark 8, Allen 7, Pike 7.

Man City: **WILLIAMS** 9, Ranson 5, McDonald 5 (sub: Tuart 5), Baker 6, Bond 6, Caton 7, Hareide 7, Reeves 6, Boyer 7, Hartford 7, Power 6.

Referee: D. Letts (Basingstoke)
 Match Rating: ★★★★

Sending Off: Bond and Hartford (Man City)

Division Two

BURNLEY (1) 1 (Wharton 36)
SHREWSBURY (1) 2 (Maclarens, pen 26, Bates 65)
 Att: 6,436

Burnley: Stevenson 6, Laws 7, Wharton 6, Scott 6, **PHELAN** 8, Holt 6, Dobson 5, Steven 6, Hamilton 6, McGee 6, Cassidy 5 (sub: Taylor).

Shrewsbury: Ogrizovic 7, **WILLIAMS** 8, Johnson 6, Potts 7, Pearson 6, Griffin 6, Cross 7, McLaren 7, Brown 6 (sub: Turner 6), Stevens 6, Bates 6.

Referee: R. Nixon (Cheshire)
 Match Rating: ★★

CAMBRIDGE (0) 1 (Reilly 50)
CARLISLE (1) 1 (Coughlin 18)
 Att: 3,051

Cambridge: Webster 7, Donaldson 6, Murray 6, Turner 6, Fallon 6, Finney 6, Christie 6, O'Neill 6, **REILLY** 9, Smith 6, Smith 6, L 7.

Carlisle: **SWINBURNE** 8, Parker 6, Rushbury 6, Ashurst 6, Larkin 7, Craig 6, Staniford 7, Coughlin 7, Poskett 6, Bannon 6, Shoulder 7.

Referee: A. W. Ward (London)
 Match Rating: ★★★

CRYSTAL PALACE (2) 3 (Mabbett 27, 90, Edwards 43)
MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 0
 Att: 7,689

Crystal Palace: Barron 7, Hinshelwood 8, Williams 7, Hughton 8, Cannon 7, Gilbert 7, Giles 7, Lovell 6, Edwards 8, **MABBUTT** 9, Hilaire 8.

Middlesbrough: **PLATT** 9, Brownlie 6, Bolton 6, Ross 6, Baxter 7, Wood 6, Mowbray 6, Otto 7, Shearer 7, Kennedy 7, Bell 5 (sub: Ward 6).

Referee: R. G. Milford (Bristol)
 Match Rating: ★★★

DERBY (0) 1 (Dalglish 50)
BLACKBURN (0) 2 (Garner 66, Hamilton 75)
 Att: 9,361

Derby: Banovic 5, Attley 5, Buckley 6, Powell 5, Foster 4, McAlle 4, Broly 5, Skivington 4, Gamble 6, **SWINDELEURST** 8 (sub: Hill 4), Dalglish 5.

Blackburn: Gennoe 6, Branagan 6, Rathbone 6, Randell 6, Mail 5, Fazackerley 6, Hamilton 6, Stonehouse 5, Bell 5, Garner 7, **BROTHERSTON** 8.

Referee: B. Hill (Kettering)
 Match Rating: ★★

FULHAM (1) 3 (Davies 25, 60, Coney 52)
LEEDS (1) 2 (Thomas 22, Graham 75)
 Att: 12,798

Fulham: Peyton 7, Hopkins 6, Lock 7, O'Driscoll 8, Brown 8, Gale 7, **DAVIES** 9, Wilson 6, Coney 7, Houghton 8, Lewington 7.

Leeds: **LUKIC** 9, Cherry 7, Gray 7, E 7 (sub: Burns 6), Dickinson 6, Hart 6, Thomas 7, Hird 8, Butterworth 7, Worthington 7, Gray 7, F 7, Graham 8.

Referee: T. G. Bune (Berkshire)
 Match Rating: ★★★

GRIMSBY (0) 1 (Cumming 52)
BOLTON (0) 0
 Att: 7,583

Grimsby: **BATCH** 8, Moore 6, D 7, Crombie 7, Waters 6, Cooper 7, Moore 7, K 7, Cumming 6, Whymar 6, Drinkell 7, Bonnyman 7, Speight 6.

Bolton: McDonagh 6, Whitworth 7, Bennett 6, **McGOVERN** 8, Jones 7, McElhinney 6, Chandler 7, Henry 6, Moores 5, Reid 6, Rudge 7.

Referee: G. Courtney (Spennymoor)
 Match Rating: ★★★★

LEICESTER (0) 0
OPR (0) 1 (O'Neill, og 67)
 Att: 19,647

Leicester: **WALLINGFORD** 7, Ramsey 6, Friar 6, MacDonald 5, May 6, O'Neill 6, Wilson 6, Lineker 6, Smith 6, English 6, Smith 6, B 5.

OPR: Hucker 7, Neill 6, Dawes 6, Waddock 7, **HAZELL** 8, Fenwick 7, Micklewhite 6, Stewart 6 (sub: Ferday 7), Sealy 7, Stainrod 7, Gregory 6.

Referee: D. W. Lloyd (Fernhill Heath)
 Match Rating: ★★★

NEWCASTLE (1) 1 (Varadi 12)
BARNESLEY (2) 2 (Glavin 18, Parker 31)
 Att: 24,511

Newcastle: Hardwick 7, Cragg 6, Saunders 6, Martin 5 (sub: Todd 6), Clarke 7, Haddock 6, **KEEGAN** 8, Channon 6, Varadi 7, Wharton 7, MacDonald 6.

Barnsley: Horn 7, Law 7, Chambers 6, **GLAVIN** 9, Banks 8, McCarthy 8, Souther 6, Parker 7, Cunningham 7, Ronson 7, Birch 7.

Referee: D. Richardson (Gt. Harwood)
 Match Rating: ★★★

OLDHAM (0) 2 (Palmer 70, 74)
CHARLTON (1) 2 (Bullivant 40, Hales 61)
 Att: 3,211

Oldham: Gorman 6, Sinclair 6, Ryan 7, Keegan 6, Clements 6, **FUTCHER** 8, McDonough 6, Atkinson 6, Steel 6 (sub: Bowden 6), Wyke 6, Palmer 7.

Charlton: Johns 6, Gritt 6, Lansdowne 6, Mehmet 7, **ELLIOTT** 8, Berry 6, Harris 6, Bullivant 7, White 6, Hales 7 (sub: Ferns 6), Walker 6.

Referee: M. Heath (Stoke on Trent)
 Match Rating: ★★★

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (1) 3 (Shelton 12, Bannister, pen 67, Smith 79)
CHELSEA (0) 2 (Fillery, pen 86, Lee 88)
 Att: 18,833

Sheff Wed: Bolder 7, Sterland 7, Bailey 6, Smith 7, Lyons 6, Shelton 7, Megson 7, Taylor 6, **BANNISTER** 8, Owen 7, Pearson 7

Chelsea: Francis 7, Nutton 6, Hutchings 7, Chivers 6, Droy 7, McAndrew 6, Canoville 6 (sub: Robson), Bumstead 7, **LEE** 8, Speedie 7, Fillery 7.

Referee: R. A. Banks (Manchester)
 Match Rating: ★★★★

WOLVES (1) 2 (Clarke 2, Humphrey 68)
ROTHERHAM (0) 0
 Att: 16,377

Wolves: Burridge 7, **HUMPHREY** 9, Palmer 5, Smith 7, Pender 6, Coy 7, Daniel 4, Clarke 7, Livingstone 7, Eves 6, Matthews 7.

Rotterdam: Mountford 6, Forrest 7, Breckin 7, McEwan 6, **HUGHES** 8, Green 7, Gooding 6, Gow 7, Moore 7, Seaman 7 (sub: Henson), McBride 7.

Referee: D. A. Hedges (Oxford)
 Match Rating: ★★★

Division Three

BOURNEMOUTH (0) 2 (Beck 70, Morgan 89)
EXETER (0) 0
 Att: 7,547

Bournemouth: Allen 7, Heffernan 7, Sulley 7, O'Donnell 7, Brignull 7, Compton 6, Carter 7, Williams 6, Morgan 6, Funnell 6, **BECK** 8.

Exeter: **BOND** 8, Kirkup 6, Viney 6, Hatter 7, Roberts 7, Harle 6, Pratt 6 (sub: Pullar), Rogers 6, Kellow 7, Delve 7, Gibson 6.

Referee: B. Daniels (Brentwood)
 Match Rating: ★★
 Sending Off: Viney (Exeter)

BRADFORD (1) 1 (Campbell 18)
SOUTHEND (0) 0
 Att: 5,150

Bradford: McManus 6, Podd 7, Chapman 7, Lester 6, Cooke 7, McFarland 7, Gray 7, Gallagher 7, **CAMPBELL** 8, McNiven 6 (sub: Jackson), Mellor 7.

Southend: Keeley 7, Stead 7, Dudley 6, Clark 7, Moody 6, Cusack 6, Pountney 7, Phillips 7, Greaves 6 (sub: Hadley 6), **PENNYFATHER** 8, Nelson 6.

Referee: R. Bridges (Desides)
 Match Rating: ★★★

BRENTFORD (0) 1 (McNichol 90)
MILLWALL (0) 1 (Aylott 64)
 Att: 6,455

Brentford: Roche 6, Rowe 7, McNichol 6, Booker 6, Wilkins 6, Bowles 5, Kamara 6, Hurlock 6, Joseph 6, **MAHONEY** 8, Roberts 7.

Millwall: Sansome 6, Stevens 7, Madden 7, **ROBERTS** 9, Robinson 6, Neal 6 (sub: Massey), Chatterton 7, Carr 7, Martin 6, Aylott 7, Shinton 7.

Referee: C. Thomas (Porthcawl)
 Match Rating: ★★

CARDIFF (1) 2 (Bennett, D 24, Hemmerman 71)
SHIELD UNITED (0) 0
 Att: 7,147

Cardiff: Thomas 7, Jones 7, Bodin 6, Micallef 7, Dwyer 7, **MULLEN** 9, Bennett, D 7, Tong 7, Gibbons 7, Hemmerman 6, Lewis 6 (sub: Ingram 6).

Sheff Utd: Conroy 6, Henderson 6, Houston 7, McHale 6, MacPhail 6 (sub: Hutton 6), **KENWORTHY** 8, Curran 5, Trussell 6, Edwards 6, Young 5, Charles 5.

Referee: L. S. Burden (Corfe Mullen)
 Match Rating: ★★★★

CHESTERFIELD (0) 2 (Windridge 76, Kowalski 82)
WIGAN (0) 0
 Att: 2,825

Chesterfield: Turner 6, Bellamy 7, Partridge 6 (sub: Dawson 6), **WILSON** 8, Green 6, Pollard 5, Walker 6, Henderson 6, Hanson 5, Kowalski 6, Windridge 7.

Wigan: **TUNKS** 8, McMahon 6, Cribeley 4, O'Keefe 5, Lloyd 6, Methven 4, Langley 7, Butler 6, Bradd 7, Gemmill 6, Hughton 6.

Referee: D. Brazier (Northampton)
 Match Rating: ★★★★
 Sending Off: Methven (Wigan), Pollard (Chesterfield)

DONCASTER (5) 7 (Douglas 2, Snodin, I. pen 7, 29, pen 37, Russell 11, Graham 58, Snodin, G 79)

READING (3) 5 (Dixon 3, 25, pen 36, 50, Robinson 71)

Att: 3,118

Doncaster: Peacock 5, Russell 8, Snodin, G 8, **SNODIN**, I. 9, Cawthorne 5 (sub: Mell 5), Dowd 6, Pugh 8, Liddell 6, Douglas 7, Graham 7, Little 6.

Reading: Fearon 4, Williams 5, Richardson 4, Beaven 7, Barnes 4, Sanchez 5, Earles 6, Robinson 6, **DIXON** 9, Bason 6 (sub: White 6), Dawtrey 6.

Referee: K. Redfern (Whitley Bay)
 Match Rating: ★★★★
 Sending Off: Wood (Aldershot)

GILLINGHAM (1) 3 (Sinnott, og 38, Hart, og 67, Weatherly 80)
WALSALL (0) 0
 Att: 3,501

Gillingham: Hillyard 7, Sharpe 6, Adams 8, Bruce 7, Shaw 7, Suton 7, Powell 7, **TYDEMAN** 9, Cascino 7, Weatherly 8, Grewcock 7.

Walsall: Green 7, Caswell 6, Mower 6, Beech 6, **SINNOTT** 8, Hart 6, Teasdale 6, Pendry 6 (sub: Shakespeare 6), Kerns 5, Buckley 6, Preece 5.

Referee: M. Dimblebee (Stevenage)
 Match Rating: ★★★★

HUDDERSFIELD (1) 2 (Russell 29, 62)
OXFORD (0) 0
 Att: 4,958

Huddersfield: Cox 6, Brown 7, Burke 6, Stanton 6, Sutton 5, Hanvey 6, Lillis 7, Doyle 7, **RUSSELL** 8, Wilson 6, Cowling 6.

Oxford: Burton 6, Linney 6, Fogg 6, Train 7, Briggs 7, **SHOTTON** 8, Brock 7 (sub: Jones 6), Barnett 6, Thomas 6, Biggins 6, Hebbert 6.

Referee: N. Wilson (Morecambe)
 Match Rating: ★★★

LINCOLN (2) 2 (Bell 6, 40)
ORIENT (0) 0
 Att: 3,096

Lincoln: Felgate 7, Carr 6, Neale 6 (sub: Heath 6), Cockerill 7, Peake 7, Thompson 7, Hibberd 6, Turner 7, Hobson 6, **BELL**, 8, Shipley 7.

Orient: **DAY** 8, Osgood 6, Roffey 6, Foster 7, Gray 6, Cunningham 5, Godfrey 7, Donn 6, Blackhall 7, Silkman 6, Taylor 5 (sub: McNeil 6).

Referee: A. Robinson (Radcliffe)
 Match Rating: ★★★

Sending Off: Cunningham (Orient)

PLYMOUTH (1) 2 (Goding 22, Rogers 88)
WREXHAM (0) 0
 Att: 3,628

Plymouth: Crugdington 6, **NISBET** 8, Uzzell 5, Phillips 5, Masters 6, McCartney 5, Cooper 4, Hodges 4, Cook 4, Sims 4, Gooding 6, Rogers 6.

Wrexham: Niedzwiecki 6, Hill 5, Davis 5, Hunt 4, Downman 6, Keay 5, Bater 4, **GREGORY** 7, Fox 4, McNeil (sub: Baker 6), Buxton 4.

Referee: J. E. Martin (Alton)
 Match Rating: ★★

PORTSMOUTH (0) 1 (Biley 67)
NEWPORT (0) 2 (Vaughan 53, Aldridge 80)
 Att: 10,833

Portsmouth: Knight 6, McLaughlin 5, Sullivan 5, Doyle 5, Howe 5, Aizlewood 5, Ellis 6, Tait 5, Rafferty 6, Biley 6, Thomas 6 (sub: **HODGES** 7).

Newport: Kendall 5, Jones 6, Relish 6, Bailey 7, Davies 6, Stroud 5, Lowndes 6, Aldridge 7 (sub: Gwyther), Tynan 7, **VAUGHAN** 8, Elsey 6.

Referee: M. J. Bodenham (Brighton)
 Match Rating: ★★★

PRESTON (2) 2 (Bell 12, Elliott 44)
BRISTOL ROVERS (1) 2 (Barrett 13, Williams, G 48)
 Att: 3,880

Preston: Litchfield 6, Walsh 6, McAtee 6, O'Riordan 7, Westwell 6, Gowling 6, Kelly 6, Bell 6, **ELLIOTT** 8, Naughton 6 (sub: Coleman), Houston 6.

Bristol Rovers: **KITE** 8, Slatter 6 (sub: Sherwood 6), Williams, B 6, Williams, G 7, Parkin 6, McCaffery 6, Holloway 6, Williams, D 6, Kelly 7, Stephens 6, Barrett 7.

Referee: A. Challinor (Maltby)
 Match Rating: ★★★

ALDERSHOT (0) 1 (Goddard 83)
HULL (1) 2 (Roberts, G 22, McLaren 71)
 Att: 2,345

Aldershot: Johnson 5, Scott 4, Gillard 5, Briley 6, Wood 4, Jopling 4, Shrub 5 (sub: Sanford 5), **BANTON** 8, Goddard 7, McDonald 5, Brodie 4.

Hull: Norman 8, McNeil 6, Askew 7, Roberts, D 6, Skipper 6, Booth 8, **MARWOOD** 9, McLaren 8, Whitehurst 7, Flounders 7, Roberts, G 8.

Referee: E. Scales (Ware)
 Match Rating: ★★★★
 Sending Off: Wood (Aldershot)

BRISTOL CITY (0) 0
SCUNTHORPE (0) 2 (O'Berg 55, Parkinson 77)
 Att: 3,890

Bristol City: Shaw 7, Stevens 6, Nicholls 7, Williams 6, Boyle 7, Riley 7, Newman 6 (sub: Banes 6), Economou 7, **COOPER** 8, Ritchie 6, Crawford 7.

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MATCH FACTS

Scunthorpe: Neenan 7, Keeley 6, Pointon 7, Fowler 6, Boxall 7, Hunter 6, O'Berg 7, Angus 6, **★DUNCAN 8**, Telfer 6 (sub. Parkinson 6), Leman 7.
Referee: T. Holbrook (Wolverhampton)
Match Rating: ★★★★

BURY (2) 2 Potts 33, Johnson 44

HALIFAX (0) 0

Att: 2,244

Bury Brown 7, Gardener 6, Hilton 7, **★BRAMHALL 8**, Kenworthy 6, Gore 7, Jakub 6, Potts 6, Madden 6, Johnson 6, Firth 6 (sub. Cruickshank 7).
Halifax: Butcher 6, Nobbs 6, Smith 6, Evans 6, Wood 6, **★STANIFORTH 7**, Spooner 6, Ward 6, Hallybone 5, Nuttall 5 (sub. Kendall 6), Davison 6.
Referee: M. G. Peck (Kendal)
Match Rating: ★★★

CHESTER (2) 5 Thomas 44, pen 46, Ludlam 25, Simpson 81, Sloan 86

HEREFORD (0) 0

Att: 1,828

Chester: Millington 6, Edwards 5, Lane 5 (sub. Cooke 5), Stortor 7, Zelem 6, Ludlam 7, Sloan 6, Johnson 5, Simpson 6, **★THOMAS 8**, Wilson 6.
Hereford: Plumley 4, Price 5 (sub. Bray), Bartley 6, Hicks 5, Pejic 5, Spirring 5, Musial 6, Harvey 7, **★PHILLIPS 8**, Showers 6, Lane 5.
Referee: J. Bray (Hinckley)
Match Rating: ★★★

COLCHESTER (2) 4 (Lyons 28, Leslie 38, Groves 58, Allison 86)

BLACKPOOL (1) 1 (Pashley, pen 36)

Att: 2,918

Colchester: Walker 7, Cook 6, **★COLEMAN 8**, Groves 7, Wignall 6, Hunter 6 (sub. Beattie 6), Allison 6, Osborne 7, Lyons 6, Bremner 7, Leslie 7.

Blackpool: Hesford 6, Simonite 5, Brockbank 6, Deary 6, Hetzke 6, Serella 5, Noble 5, Stewart 6, **★BAMBER 7**, Pashley 6, Hockaday 6.

Referee: I. Barrett (Eye)
Match Rating: ★★★

DARLINGTON (0) 0

PORT VALE (0) 0

Att: 2,255

Darlington: Cuff 7, Brissett 6 (sub. Gilbert 6), **★WILSON 8**, Smith 7, Halliday 7, Kamara 6, Hawker 5, McLean 6, Dunn 6, Walsh 7, Stalker 5.

Port Vale: Siddall 6, Tatt 6, Bromage 7, Hunter 6, **★SPRSON 8**, Cegelski 7, Chamberlain 7, Moss 6, Newton 7, Ridley 6, Armstrong 6.

Referee: N. Glover (Chorley)
Match Rating: ★★

HARTEPOOL (2) 4 (Linacre 35, Linighin 43, 67, Lawrence, pen 75)

TRANMERE (0) 0

Att: 1,202

Hartlepool: Watson 6, Brown 6, Stimpson 7, Hogan 5, Barker 6, Linighin 7, Bainbridge 6, Smith 6, Linacre 7, **★LAWRENCE 9**, Johnson 8.

Tranmere: Endersby 6, Burgess 5, Mooney 6, Parry 5, **★HAMTON 8**, Williams 7, Powell 5, Ferguson 5, Kerr 6, Mathias 6, Griffiths 5.

Referee: D. Scott (Burnley)
Match Rating: ★★★

Sending Off: Parry (Tranmere)

MANSFIELD (2) 2 (Waddle 3, 24)

ROCHDALE (1) 1 (Comstive 14)

Att: 2,001

Mansfield: Arnold 6, Woodhead 6, Kennedy 5, Day 6, Ayre 5, Bird 5, Matthews 7 (sub. Dungworth 5), Nicholson 6, **★WADDLE 8**, Cannell 6, Boam 6.

Rochdale: Pearce 5, Keenan 5, **★COMSTIVE 8**, Farrell 7, Trainor 6, Williams 5, Thompson 5, Hamilton 5, Hilditch 5, Wellings 6, Martinez 6.

Referee: D. W. Civil (Birmingham)
Match Rating: ★★★

SWINDON (1) 1 (Rowland 34)

CREWE (0) 0

Att: 2,967

Swindon: Allan 7, Henry 6, Baddeley 7, **★EMMANUEL 8**, Lewis 7, Graham 6, Pritchard 6, Batty 6, Rideout 7, Rowland 5, Barnard 7.

Crewe: Smith 7, Moore 6, Bowers 7, Salathiel 7, **★SCOTT 8**, Palios 7, Haslegrave 6, Sutton 6 (sub. Bernard), Jones 7, Evans 6, Craven 7.

Referee: A. E. Crickmore (Plymouth)
Match Rating: ★★★

WIMBLEDON (3) 4 (Evans 4, 14, 38, Wilson, 68)

TORQUAY (0) 1 (Doyle 77)

Att: 2,097

Wimbledon: Beasant 7, Peters 7, Tagg 7, Morris 6, Thomas 6, Galliers 6, Ketteridge 7, Downes 8, **★EVANS 9**, Leslie 7, Hodges 6 (sub. Gage 6).

Torquay: **★HORN 8**, Doyle 7, Wilson 5, Wigington 5, Smith 5, Grapes 6, Anderson 6, Riach 6, Steeple 7, Cooper 6 (sub. Sermanni), Gallagher 5.

Referee: M. J. Taylor (Walmer)
Match Rating: ★★★

YORK (1) 1 (Ford 37)
PETERBOROUGH (0) 1 (Cooke 49)

Att: 1,872

York: Jones 6, Evans 6, Hay 7, Sbragia 6, Crosby 5, Hood 6, Pollard 6 (sub. Senior), Ford 7, Walwyn 7, Byrne 8, **★LAVERICK 9**.

Peterborough: **★SEAMAN 8**, Rayment 6, Collins 6, Gynn 6, Firm 7, Rodaway 7, Slack 6, Linton 5, Cooke 7, Benjamin 6, Chard 6 (sub. Cliss).

Referee: R. Guy (Kirby)

Match Rating: ★★★★

Division One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Ps	
Liverpool	7	3	1	0	14	6	2	1	0	5	0	17	
Manchester	U.	7	3	1	0	8	2	2	0	1	5	3	16
Watford	7	4	0	15	1	1	0	2	4	4	15		
West Ham	7	2	1	1	11	4	2	0	1	4	2	13	
Tottenham	7	2	1	1	13	5	2	0	1	4	4	13	
Stoke	7	2	1	1	10	9	2	0	1	7	4	13	
West Brom	7	2	0	1	9	3	2	0	2	6	6	12	
Aston Villa	7	3	0	1	11	5	1	0	2	1	6	12	
Coventry	7	2	0	1	2	1	2	0	2	5	7	12	
Brighton	7	3	0	1	6	4	0	1	2	2	4	10	
Luton	7	2	0	1	10	5	0	3	1	13	9		
Nottingham	F	7	2	0	1	3	3	1	0	3	7	13	
Arsenal	7	1	1	1	3	3	1	1	2	3	3	8	
Everton	7	2	1	0	9	2	0	0	4	3	9	7	
Swansea	7	2	0	1	6	4	0	1	3	2	8	7	
Sunderland	7	1	1	1	2	2	1	0	3	5	13	7	
Ipswich	7	0	1	2	4	6	1	2	1	9	5	6	
Norwich	7	1	1	2	8	7	0	2	1	2	6	6	
Birmingham	7	1	1	1	2	4	0	4	0	4	11	4	
Southampton	7	1	0	2	2	5	0	1	3	11	4		

Division Two

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Ps
Wolves	7	4	0	11	1	1	2	0	1	0	17	
Grimsby	6	3	1	0	9	1	2	0	0	4	2	16
Shef. Wed.	6	3	0	11	7	2	0	0	5	1	15	
Q.P.R.	7	2	0	1	6	4	2	1	1	3	2	13
C. Palace	6	3	1	0	8	2	0	1	1	3	6	11
Leeds	6	1	1	0	2	1	2	1	1	7	6	11
Barnsley	6	1	1	0	4	1	1	2	1	4	5	9
Chelsea	7	1	2	0	3	1	1	1	2	4	5	9
Rotherham	7	1	1	1	5	5	1	2	1	4	5	9
Blackburn	7	2	0	1	7	4	1	0	3	10	9	
Newcastle	7	1	2	1	4	4	1	0	2	4	6	8
Leicester	7	1	0	3	7	4	1	1	1	5	7	
Burnley	6	1	1	2	6	5	1	0	1	4	4	7
Carlisle	6	1	0	1	6	4	1	2	1	5	11	
Oldham	6	2	1	0	4	0	1	1	1	3	6	5
Shrewsbury	6	1	0	1	2	2	1	0	3	3	6	6
Cambridge	7	1	2	1	5	5	0	0	3	2	7	5
Bolton	6	1	0	1	3	2	0	1	3	1	8	4
Derby	6	1	1	2	3	6	0	0	2	2	6	4
Charlton	6	0	0	2	4	1	0	1	2	6	11	
Middlesb.	6	0	0	2	8	0	2	2	3	8	2	

Division Three

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Ps
Lincoln	6	3	0	8	1	2	0	1	3	3	15	
Oxford	6	2	1	0	6	1	2	0	1	3	13	
Bradford	6	3	0	8	4	1	1	1	4	4	13	
Cardiff	6	2	0	1	6	4	2	0	1	5	12	
Portsmouth	6	2	0	1	8	3	1	2	0	5	21	
Newport	6	2	1	0	5	3	1	1	4	5	11	
Plymouth	6	3	0	0	5	0	0	2	2	5	10	
Bournemouth	6	2	1	0	5	0	1	0	2	2	5	
Sheffield Utd.	6	3	0	0	7	2	0	1	2	1	6	
Brentford	6	2	1	0	10	4	0	2	1	6	9	
Southend	6	3	0	0	7	2	0	0	3	2	6	
Bristol Rovers	6	2	0	1	5	3	0	2	1	3	6	
Doncaster	6	2	1	0	13	6	0	0	3	2	8	
Gillingham	6	2	0	1	4	1	0	1	2	3	5	
Orient	6	1	1	1	7	4	1	0	2	2	5	
Wrexham	6	1	1	2	2	1	0	2	2	2	7	
Huddersfield	6	1	2	0	5	3	0	1	2	2	5	
Exeter	6	1	2	0	8	4	0	1	2	2	6	
Wigan	6	2	0	1	7	6	0	0	3	3	6	
Chesterfield	6	1	1	1	3	2	0	1	2	3	5	
Millwall	6	1	1	1	3	5	0	1	2	3	5	
Reading	6	1	1	2	0	4	0	0	3	7	14	
Preston	6	1	1	1	6	6	0	0	3	3	9	
Walsall	6	1	0	2	3	6	0	1	2	2	4	

Division Four

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Ps
Colchester	6	3	0	8	2	1	2	1	0	1	4	12
Bury	7	2	0									

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Cut out and keep



Watford's Luther Blissett hit four goals as his team hammered Sunderland 8-0 at Vicarage Road.

LEADING SCORERS

(League, Cups, Total)

Division One

Stein (Luton)	8	0	8
Blissett (Watford)	7	0	7
Latchford (Swansea)	5	0	5
Mariner (Ipswich)	5	0	5
Callaghan (Watford)	5	0	5
Cowans (Aston Villa)	4	0	4
Rush (Liverpool)	4	0	4
Moss (Luton)	4	0	4
Whiteside (Man. Utd)	4	0	4
Eastoe (West Brom)	4	0	4
Brown (West Brom)	4	0	4
Regis (West Brom)	4	0	4
Clark (West Ham)	4	0	4
Mabbutt (Spurs)	4	0	4
Deehan (Norwich)	4	0	4
Walsh (Luton)	4	0	4
Crooks (Spurs)	4	0	4

Division Two

Poskett (Carlisle)	6	0	6
Drinkell (Grimsby)	4	2	6
Henry (Bolton)	3	2	5
Hamilton (Burnley)	4	1	5
Bannister (Sheff. Wed.)	5	0	5
Lineker (Leicester)	5	0	5
Pearson (Sheff. Wed.)	5	0	5
Cunningham (Barnsley)	3	2	5
(5 with Lincoln)			
Garner (Blackburn)	5	0	5
Hinshelwood (Palace)	2	2	4
Kilmore (Grimsby)	4	0	4
Fern (Rotherham)	4	0	4
Eves (Wolves)	4	0	4
Davies (Fulham)	3	1	4

Division Three

Dixon (Reading)	8	0	8
Mahoney (Brentford)	5	2	7
Campbell (Bradford)	5	2	7
Elliott (Preston)	5	2	7
Biley (Portsmouth)	5	1	6
Joseph (Brentford)	5	0	5
Randall (Bristol Rovers)	3	2	5
Bennett, D (Cardiff)	4	0	4

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Division Four

Syrett (Northampton)	5	1	6
Cooper (Torquay)	4	2	6
Massey (Northampton)	3	2	5
Davison (Halifax)	2	3	5
Ritchie (Bristol City)	3	1	4
Flounders (Hull)	3	1	4
Wellings (Rochdale)	2	2	4
Bishop (Torquay)	4	0	4
Goddard (Aldershot)	4	0	4
Lyons (Colchester)	4	0	4
Cooke (Peterborough)	1	3	4

SCOTTISH Premier Division

Nicholas (Celtic)	5	10	15
Strachan (Aberdeen)	2	7	9
Ferguson (Dundee)	2	6	8
MacDonald (Rangers)	2	6	8
Dodds (Dundee Utd)	1	5	6
McCluskey (Celtic)	0	6	6
McLean (Kilmarnock)	0	6	6
MacLeod (Celtic)	2	4	6
Rooney (Morton)	1	5	6

First Division

Brogan (St Johnstone)	8	10	18
Gilmour (Queens Park)	5	4	9
Pettigrew (Hearts)	1	7	8
Miller (Airdrie)	3	4	7
Donnelly (Dumbarton)	2	5	7
Larnach (Ayr)	3	3	6
Williamson (Clydebank)	3	3	6
Johnston (Partick)	1	5	6
Fairlie (Hamilton)	4	2	6

Second Division

Colquhoun (Stirling)	5	3	8
Robb (Arbroath)	6	0	6
Shaw (Arbroath)	2	3	5
Evans (Albion)	2	3	5
Sprott (Meadowbank)	2	3	5
Campbell (Brechin)	4	1	5



Santana's sunny outlook

TELE Santana, that great believer in the kind of football that flows so artistically and so naturally from the feet of his beloved Brazilians, is on the move.

Santana's contract as national coach to Brazil ends in December. And, despite the fact that the lack of a top-class 'keeper and too few hard-marking defenders robbed the rest of us of a final to remember in Spain, the name Santana remains very much on top of the world.

So, thanks to his own ingenuity coupled with the ball-juggling talents of players he has coached, Santana has organised his own golden handshake.

The result is that as the rest of us dig in for football in those icy winter conditions we know all about, Santana in January heads for more sunshine in Saudi Arabia as national coach and the kind of money only people like Don Revie could tell you about.

During his two-year contract in the sunny desert, Santana will collect a cool £345,000, which includes a £9,000 monthly salary. As a little extra perk, he gets a luxury house, a new car, complete with chauffeur, and six airline tickets to enable him to visit his family in Brazil.

n'Kono is back!

THOMAS N'Kono, like most of his Cameroon team-mates, was totally unknown outside his country before that little World Cup happening in Spain.

Now N'Kono, the 27-year-old goalkeeper, is back in Spain. Espanol, the Spanish First Division club, liked what they saw of him enough to buy him from Canon Yaoende for £50,000.

ITALIAN HOT-SHOT FIRES A WARNING

ROMA striker Roberto Pruzzo, the man who shattered Ipswich with two goals in their UEFA Cup first leg victory last month, is aiming to become the Italian League's top scorer for the third successive season.

He believes the vastly improved form of Roma's World Cup hero Bruno Conti can enable him to score at least twenty goals this season.

And he feels that no other side in Italy could provide him with any better service. Not even star-studded Juventus.

"Juventus are a top team but with too many stars," he says.

"They'll create a lot of chances, but

with people like Boniek, Platini and Rosso around, the goals will be shared.

"At Roma, everyone looks to find me in the penalty area, so I have a great chance of getting the Italian goals crown once again."

Meanwhile, Juventus' undistinguished start to the defence of the Championship has been blamed on French star Michel Platini's problems in settling into his new home.

Because of delays, the French World Cup captain is living in a Turin hotel, and, after Juventus' 1-0 defeat by Trevor Francis' Sampdoria side, the Italian Press gave him a hard time.

They even blamed the former owners of Platini's new home who have been taking their time in moving out.



Michel Platini — blamed by Juventus fans.

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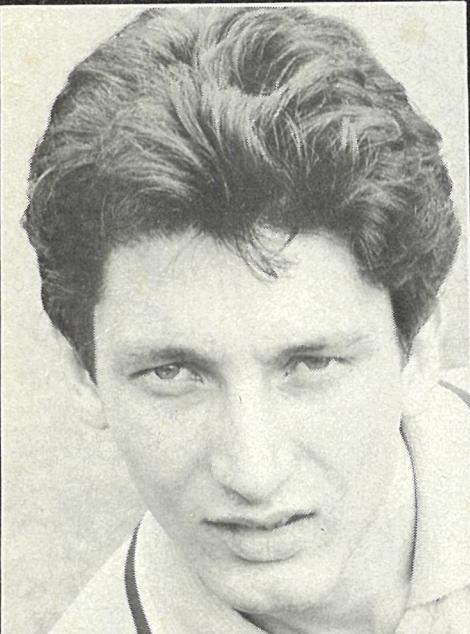


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One in, one out! Match spotlights the Midlands swap deal involving strikers Jim Melrose and Tommy English — Jim

leaving Leicester for First Division Coventry and Tommy taking the opposite route.



Tommy English — "I can only play in a side that likes to go forward and at the moment Coventry don't play attacking football."

TOMMY ENGLISH

TWO years ago striker Tommy English was the hero of Coventry and a hot tip to become a future England star.

He burst onto the scene as a freescorer 18-year-old and the tormentor of top first Division defences.

But with the arrival of manager Dave Sexton from Manchester United at the beginning of last season everything turned sour for the youngster and he was sentenced to life in the reserves.

Last season the former England Schoolboys international made just eight first team appearances and this term he expected to spend his Saturday afternoons in the Coventry stiffs.

But his former boss at Highfield Road, Gordon Milne, has given the talented goalscorer a chance to revive his career.

Tommy admits: "Leaving Coventry could be the best thing in the long run. It's given me a chance to start my career all over again.

"My first two years in the Coventry first team squad we great, but last season it became obvious to me that I didn't figure in Dave Sexton's plans. He has a certain idea of how the game should be played and it doesn't suit my style.

"At the moment Coventry don't play

attacking football and I can only play in a side that likes to go forward."

The 20-year-old became so depressed with life in the reserves last season that he asked to be put on the transfer list. He says: "I was sick and tired of being out of the side.

"The manager agreed to put me on the list, but after that I heard nothing. I certainly expected to play in the reserves at Coventry this season."

The move to nearby Leicester came out of the blue. Tommy explains: "I'd finished training one day when the manager told me to report to the ground at 6.30 that evening.

"I assumed there was a transfer in the air, but it was only when I met Jim Melrose at Highfield Road that I realised a swap deal was on the cards.

"I had no hesitation in moving to Leicester because I know manager Gordon Milne is a man who likes attacking football.

But it was really strange having to say goodbye to players who'd I'd grown up with. After all, I'd been at Coventry since I was 14!

"Now I'm looking forward to helping Leicester back into the First Division and I believe we can achieve that this season," says Tommy, who made his debut in the 3-1 defeat at Blackburn.

SWOP SHOT!

JIM MELROSE

SCOTTISH striker Jim Melrose admits that he didn't really want to leave Leicester.

"I was happy playing in the Second Division, but it became evident that I didn't fit into new manager Gordon Milne's plans," says Jim.

"The manager wanted some new faces at the club, he thought Tommy fitted the bill and I was a player he was prepared to sacrifice.

"I wouldn't have been prepared to have gone anywhere, but Coventry are a First Division club and so the move represents a step up for me.

"I had a fantastic relationship with the fans at Leicester and it was as much a wrench to leave them as the players."

Jim, signed from Partick Thistle for £200,000 two years ago, couldn't believe it when Gordon Milne told him of his intention to part with him.

"It came right out of the blue," says Jim who was Leicester's top scorer in the First Division two seasons ago.

"He called me in after training one afternoon and told me a meeting had been arranged with Coventry manager Dave Sexton that same evening.

"I was happy at Leicester but I owed it to myself and family to talk with Coventry, and Mr Sexton did a good job in selling the club to me.

"I'm confident I can score goals again in the First Division once I settle down into a new

system and club.

"It'll take a little time, but I'm sure things will work out for me and the club."

Jim stresses there was never any question of him wanting to leave Filbert Street even though he had a frustrating time with injuries last season which resulted in him spending a large part of the campaign on the subs bench.

"I was in the first team at Leicester and I was happy with the situation," he explains.

"I scored seven goals in four pre-season matches from midfield and I felt confident of scoring regularly in the Second Division.

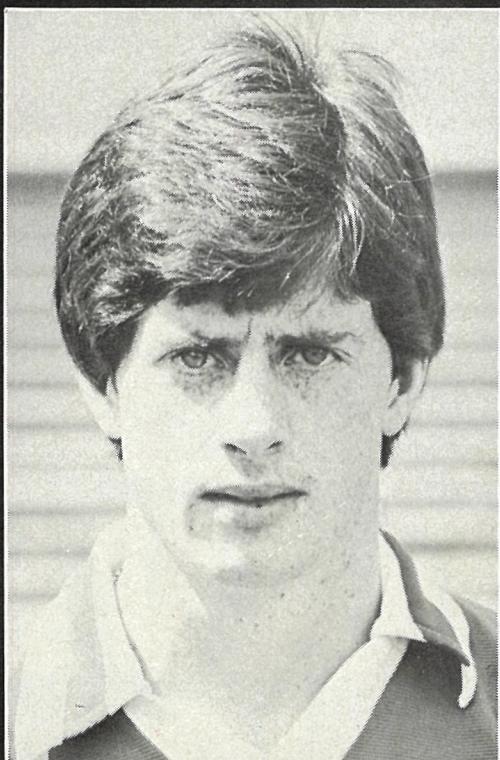
Partner

"But the new manager obviously didn't fancy me in the side and so I followed my old striking partner Alan Young from the club."

Alan (now with Sheffield United) and Jim scored 16 First Division goals between them when Leicester were relegated two seasons ago, but it was young Gary Lineker who split up the pairing last term to emerge as the new scoring hero.

"I was out for a while with an injury and when I came back Jock Wallace didn't want to change the side," says Jim.

"I came on eleven times as a substitute and scored quite a few goals, but despite those goals and feeling sharp, he kept me on the bench."



Jim Melrose — "The new manager obviously didn't fancy me in the side but I was happy at Leicester."

FULL NAME: David Watson.
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MARRIED: No.
CAR: Ford Fiesta.
PREVIOUS CLUB: Liverpool.
TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO: Sheet metal worker.
CLUB NICKNAME: Diego.
WORST EVER INJURY: Bruised toe last season.
FAVOURITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER AND WHY: Kenny Dalglish makes it easy for others.
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Liverpool.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY: Diego Maradona for his all round ability.
BEST ALL TIME BRITISH TEAM: Clemence, McGrain, Moore, McFarland, Cooper, Best, Bremner, Giles, Charlton R, Law, Greaves.
ALL TIME INTERNATIONAL XI: Zoff (Italy), Carlos Alberto (Brazil), Beckenbauer (W. Germany), Passarella (Argentina), Cooper (England), Bremner (Scotland), Rivelino (Brazil), Best (N. Ireland), Pele (Brazil), Dalglish, Law (both Scotland).
FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: Elland Road, Leeds.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN STADIUM AT WHICH YOU HAVE PLAYED: Orange Bowl, America.
BEST GOAL SCORED: Chipped the goalkeeper from the edge of the penalty area in Norwich's 3-1 home win over Brighton in February 1981.
BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED: That one I scored against Brighton.
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: My First Division debut for Norwich against Ipswich.
OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL: Signing for Norwich.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Being relegated from the First Division last year.
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Squash, snooker and golf.
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Winning and eating.
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Losing and flash people.
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Coronation Street.
TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF: Party Political Broadcasts.
FAVOURITE READING: Autobiographies.
FAVOURITE POP STARS: Rainbow, Whitesnake.
FAVOURITE FOOD: Fish and chips.
FAVOURITE DRINK: Tea.
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: America.
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Jack Nicholson, Pamela Stephenson.
BEST FILM SEEN IN PAST

YEAR: Rocky II.
BEST FRIEND: I have many.
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My father and Liverpool's backroom staff.
WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL: Losing and bad referees.
SUPERSTITIONS: None.
PRE-MATCH MEAL: Rice and peaches.
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: None yet.
PERSONAL AMBITION: To be a millionaire.
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To play for England and win as many honours as possible.
CAREER AFTER PLAYING: To stay in the game.
PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE: My brother Alex who plays for Liverpool Boys.
WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET: Mohammad Ali.

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